

No victor in election debate, Likud, Labour officials agree

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Campaign headquarters workers in both large parties yesterday agreed that the contenders in the televised debate came out even; but in the Likud there was considerable gratification, as against a slight feeling of let-down in the Alignment.

The Likud went as far as to restate its proposal to hold a second debate. Labour and the Likud agreed that this time Alignment leader Shimon Peres, as a veteran of two previous debates and who is considered a far more polished and eloquent speaker than Prime Minister Shamir, had an advantage over the latter, who is relatively new to the "debate" game. Shamir's avoidance of defeat is considered something of an achievement.

This was the reverse of the position in 1981, when the odds were considered to be in then prime minister's favour. Peres was considered the victor then, partly because he wasn't crushed by Begin's rhetoric.

Bulletin:

Labour spokesmen last night said that Peres handily won the debate against Shamir, according to a telephone poll conducted minutes after the TV broadcast.

MK Yossi Sarid said that 62 per cent of the 534 persons polled said they preferred Peres as prime minister as compared with 38 per cent for Shamir.

Regarding the debate itself, 70 per cent of those questioned thought Peres had come out on top.

A similar Likud poll, in which 415 persons were questioned, found that 54 per cent thought Shamir had won the debate as compared with 28 per cent for Peres. The remainder were undecided or declined to answer.

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This time the Alignment side had high expectations for Peres, especially in view of his excellent performance against Begin three years ago. But campaign workers admitted yesterday to being "somewhat disappointed." Peres should have done better against Shamir, it was said. Peres was well rehearsed, but had problems with the time-limits, they said. They judged Peres better on the economy question, Shamir better on social issues, a tie on defence and foreign affairs, and a higher mark for Shamir on the final credo question.

Identical evaluations for each of the questions were awarded by Likud campaign workers.

Likud personnel admitted to being "very pleasantly surprised" by Shamir.

"He was a clear underdog and we were worried, but he came through authoritative and trustworthy, though Peres was more aggressive and less tight in his movements," it was said.



Prime Minister Shamir and Labour leader Peres in the debate. (Andre Brutmann)

3 Israelis, Nigerian to be charged today

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Jerusalem Post Reporters

Three Israeli citizens and a Nigerian diplomat will appear today at the Lambeth Magistrate's Court, London, charged with kidnapping former Nigerian transport minister Umaru Dikko and drugging him.

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Tunisian-born businessman of Rehov Harav Kuok, Netanya.

Tel Aviv advocates Ori Stanim and Aharon Ben-Shahar flew to England yesterday to help with the defence of the Israelis.

Unconfirmed reports from London said that Nigerian intelligence had asked their Israeli military advisers to recommend two men to kidnap Dikko and they recommended Shapiro and Aboutbul.

Prime Minister Shamir said yesterday that Israel had nothing to do with the kidnapping. Asked about the matter at his news conference, he said: "I am not a head of state."

Mitterrand said both the U.S. and the Soviet Union should participate. He added that it would be a basic mistake to try to solve the Palestinian problem without the Palestinians.

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Progress on exchange 3 Israeli PoWs shown by Jibril

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Ahmed Jibril's PLO group, presenting the three Israelis it holds prisoner at a news conference in Damascus last night, said that progress had been made on a prisoner exchange through the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Omar Shehawi, a leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, told the news conference that they are prepared to exchange the Israelis for an undisclosed number of their men "within 24 hours, if the Israelis agree."

Shehawi said the group's basic principles had been presented to the ICRC and he was expecting Israeli agreement. He said that "the bill was now in the Israeli court."

On Monday ICRC officials visited the three prisoners. It was the first Red Cross visit to Hezi Shai and the first in seven months to Nissim Salem and Yosef Grof.

At the same time, according to the ICRC spokesman in Geneva, Red Cross officials were allowed to visit 121 Palestinian prisoners in the Alit military prison.

In a related development, Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday that Israel was willing to

negotiate a prisoner exchange with "if Hawatmah's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine to secure the release of Samir Assad. Arens was speaking during a visit to the Assad family in the Druse village of Beit Jann in Galilee.

Although the Hawatmah group says Assad was killed in an Israeli air raid near Tripoli, Arens said there was no real evidence for this.

In exchange for the three Israeli PoWs, the Jibril group told the Damascus news conference that it wants Israel's "acceptance in principle" to release an undisclosed number of Palestinians jailed in Israel.

Salem and Grof were captured in 1982 along with six other Israelis, who were freed last November in an exchange between the PLO and Israel.

Shai was a tank commander when he was taken two years ago in a battle in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa valley.

In exchange for the PoWs' freedom, the Jibril group said Israel must also "give the Palestinian PoWs to be released a choice between leaving or staying in the occupied territories... and if they choose to stay, Israel should commit itself not to arrest them again on the same

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Shi'ite village mayor killed in car blast

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The mayor of the Shi'ite village of Sarafand, south of Sidon, was killed yesterday in the explosion of a booby-trapped car he was driving. He was Jawad Khalifeh, a member of the Assad family known for its moderate views toward Israel, whose relations with the local Amal Shi'ite militia were strained.

Larger numbers of South Lebanon Army troops rushed to the scene of the incident and put up road-

blocks in an attempt to capture the saboteurs.

It is suspected that the bomb was attached to the victim's car late at night when it was parked close to his house.

Meanwhile a 107 millimetre Katyusha rocket was fired yesterday at an IDF outpost five kilometres south of Tyre. No one was hurt.

Terrorists have recently been using such rockets more often in attacks in south Lebanon.

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Aliya from Rumania and African countries rose in the first half of the year, as compared with the first half of 1983, while that from the U.S. and the West in general, declined.

The Absorption Ministry announced yesterday.

The total of olim and potential olim in January-June was 6,769, as against 6,963 last year, a drop of 2.5

percent.

African countries accounted for 1,698 olim this year (1,070 in 1983). Rumania for 1,041 (534), the Soviet Union for 194 (180), the U.S. for 947 (1,267), and Latin American countries for 1,155 (1,516).

There was a 2 per cent increase in returning Israelis: 971 as against 953 in January-June 1983.

Shamir pledges national unity attempt

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Last night's television debate between Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Alignment leader Shimon Peres added few fresh ideas or strategies to the election campaign. In the short times allowed them to answer each of the five questions, both men relied on the themes and phrases that have characterized their respective party campaigns.

The most newsworthy point made in the debate was Shamir's promise to call for a national unity government, incorporating all the "responsible" elements in the country, after the election. Shamir's promise came at the end of his final answer and, therefore, Peres could not reply.

By mutual consent, each candidate had two minutes to answer each of four questions, dealing with social problems, foreign policy, the economy and security. Each then had a further three minutes to state his personal credo.

The questions, which were agreed on in advance, were posed by veteran journalist Dan Patir. The debate was pre-recorded yesterday morning in the Likud's television studios in Kfar Hamaccabiah, and was presented last night during the period allotted for election broadcasts.

Each party gave 15 minutes of its TV time for the debate.

Peres opened the debate on the question of what the Alignment would do to close the social gap. He began by stressing that the central factor in Israeli society since the

establishment of the state has been its character as a land of aliyah. While the Alignment was in power, he said, the population increased by 400 per cent.

In the past seven years, he continued, aliyah has almost stopped, social gaps have widened, agriculture has failed and industrial productivity has dropped. The government's widely publicized programme to revitalize old neighbourhoods has ground to a halt, with its budget spent and only half the work completed, he said.

Peres stated that an Alignment government would change the order of priorities and reinstate into the society a "sensitivity to equality."

Answering the same question, Shamir pointed to the "great

'Act quickly against election violence'

Jerusalem Post Staff

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir has asked the head of the National Police Investigations and Prosecution Department to give priority to speedy investigation of suspects in disturbances of campaign rallies and to drawing up charges against them, the Justice Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

Zamir also said the Police should request that trials be held as early as possible and ask for sentences which will serve as a deterrent, the spokesman said.

Zamir's request came in the wake of the arrest of five persons on Sunday during violent disturbances at a rally in Tiberias, during which demonstrators tried to attack Alignment leader Shimon Peres.

After shouting "Peres go home" and "Arik, King of Israel" for more than an hour while Peres addressed the mass rally, the demonstrators started to throw stones and bottles and fight with policemen.

The 1969 Election Law sets a sentence of six months imprisonment or a IS200,000 for disturbing a campaign rally.

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The men on four ships that will be in Haifa, Ashdod and Eilat today, but won't be here on July 23, election day, will also vote.

The captain of each ship will mail the sealed ballots from their first port of call to the nearest Israel embassy for return to Israel by diplomatic mail.

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The election law qualifies only seamen's votes that reach the Central Elections Committee in

Jerusalem not later than two days after the official election day, or by July 25. Carmi expects all the votes to beat the deadline.

The law permits voting on every Israeli flag ship with at least 14 eligible voters, crew members or their wives on board, and stipulates the vote to take place 12 days before official election day, to allow time for the ballots to reach home to be counted.

The seamen are the only Israelis permitted to vote while outside the country. They fought for years to win this right, despite mounting criticism that the high costs involved and the little likelihood that their few votes will affect the outcome, makes the whole exercise not worthwhile. Other groups, such as foreign-service personnel, have been unable to obtain the right to vote abroad.

Bank of Israel hikes interest rates to banks

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

In the coming weeks the public will apparently face steep rises in interest rates on credits and overdrafts following yesterday's surprising and highly criticized increase in interest rates by the Bank of Israel.

The central bank announced that it was increasing its interest rates on loans to commercial banks from the 13.5-17 per cent range to 16-20 per cent. In addition, the bank announced that it had raised interest paid on the commercial banks' deposits at its vaults by 2 to 2.5 per cent.

The central bank said it had no choice following a 1.5 per cent hike in the rates charged by the commercial banks earlier this week.

According to the central bank, if it had not increased interest rates, a situation would have developed where the commercial banks would be charging much more for their credits than the interest they pay on Bank of Israel monetary loans.

The bank added that such a situation would have encouraged banks to grant credits beyond a desirable rate.

The bank stressed that there is no reason for the commercial banks to further increase interest rates, since yesterday's measure was in reaction to what the banks had already done.

Nevertheless, despite the central bank's hopes, the commercial banks have already indicated that a new round of higher interest rates is inevitable.

Banking officials reported they were expecting a much milder increase by the Bank of Israel, closer to 1 per cent. They said they were taken by surprise by the 2.5 per cent rise, which leaves them almost no choice but to again increase interest rates on overdrafts and credits.

Bank of Israel officials reported that yesterday's measure also resulted from the belief that the government is paralyzed due to the election campaign and that it should become the "economy's keeper" until the next government is formed.

But economic observers, who were critical of the central bank's attitude and measures, pointed out that the bank is following a course of restrictive monetary policies that could raise costs and thereby fuel inflation.

Today is election day for the real floating vote

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The election campaign is going full blast, but today is voting day for Israel's real floating vote.

Seamen aboard ships of the country's Merchant Marine vote today.

On 37 Israel-flag freighters on the high seas, in foreign ports and in home ports, an estimated 1,000 sailors, along with the wives who are with them on the trips, will cast their ballots today, under the supervision of two-man polling committees on each ship.

On vessels that left Israel before the political parties had been allocated their identification letters, the sailors will have to handwrite the letters of their chosen parties on blank voting slips that were issued to the ships.

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HOME NEWS

Alignment tops ratings, but all parties negatively viewed

The Jerusalem Post Poll
By HANCOCH and RAFFI SMITH
This is the main conclusion of a poll conducted at the end of June and "good" than "poor" rating: but when the category "mediocre" is added to the picture, the negative image even here is the dominant one, parties on a five-point scale from "very good" to "very poor." This is how they answered (in percentages):

Party	Very good and good	Mediocre	Very poor and poor	No opinion
Alignment	37	23	33	7
Likud	30	27	44	1
Yahad	17	27	35	21
Shinui	17	24	41	17
CRM	18	27	51	14
Tehiya	18	18	53	11
NRP	10	22	59	9
Tami	9	14	68	9
Agudat Yisrael	9	10	72	9

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The Alignment wins a higher "good" rating than the Likud, but by a far smaller margin than in the question about how people intended to vote, where the party led by 44 to 38 per cent. (See Jerusalem Post poll June 29). Quite a large portion of Alignment voters give the party a mediocre rating, indicating that they consider it the "lesser evil."

Among the small parties, Yahad is in a favourable position, with only 35 per cent giving it a "poor" rating. It is also the only party viewed favourably as a coalition partner by both Likud and Labour supporters.

Likud supporters favoured only Tehiya more, and Labour supporters preferred Yahad to the religious parties, while placing it after Shinui and the Citizens Rights Movement, as a possible partner.

The religious parties have a very negative image with the public, and they are not favoured as coalition partners by either Likud or Labour supporters.

NRP maintains Morasha paid for 'NRP members' ad

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter
Investigation revealed that an advertisement in yesterday's *Ma'ariv* signed "Members of the National Religious Party in Jerusalem" was paid for by supporters of Morasha. The *Jerusalem Post* was told by National Religious Party information headquarters.

Morasha is the joint list of Matzad and Poalei Agudat Yisrael, with Rabbi Haim Druckman in the first slot and Avraham Verdiger (PAY) second.

"Is Agudat Yisrael closer to us than Morasha?" asks the ad, which is formulated as "an open question to comrades Burg, Hammer, and Ben-Meir."

The ad recalls that in 1977 the NRP signed a surplus votes agreement with the Aguda, "which is extremist and whose views are far removed from ours."

But now the NRP leaders refuse to sign such an agreement with Morasha, despite the closeness of their ideology, thus causing the possible loss of thousands of votes on religious Zionists.

NRP information headquarters said in rebuttal that it did not speak well for the integrity of those who now recall the 1977 agreement with the Aguda to forget what happened in 1981.

Then, the NRP signed no surplus votes agreement with any party, because of the insistence of Druckman that it would be improper to do so with any party that was either not religious or not Zionist.

The effect of a surplus votes agreement with Morasha, the NRP information headquarters points out, could be to elect the No. 2 man on the Morasha list, "Avraham Verdiger, the non-Zionist."

'Racist incitement' charge over Kach's propaganda

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday led off the complaints from several organizations and individuals about the Kach movement's election propaganda on television Monday night. However, Justice Giveli Bach, head of the Central Elections Committee, apparently has not decided on action over the propaganda although he has "taken note" of the complaints.

Speaking to a conference of the (Orthodox) Rabbinical Council of America at the Lorraine Hotel, Kollek said he felt "shamed and angered at the appearance of a man masquerading as a rabbi (Kach leader Meir Kahane) and at the racist incitement, which should hurt every proud Jew and every Jew who appreciates the deep moral values of Judaism."

Kahane's television clip featured headlines of Jews he alleged were murdered by Arabs, drops of blood dripping onto a tiled floor, and a cross-armed Meir Kahane, speaking against the backdrop of the Temple Mount, saying "just let me deal with them (the Arabs)."

Sarah Yitzhaki, spokeswoman for Bach, said last night that several complaints had reached the committee. But Bach, she said, is of the opinion that he "does not see fit to allow them (Kach) to present their party platform."

Among others condemning the Kach propaganda was Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who is responsible for the police.

Alignment: Investigate pay to Arens, Baruch

The Alignment's response committee has demanded investigation of recent reports of unusual payments made to Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Finance Ministry director-general Nissim Baruch.

Arens reportedly received \$1,000 a month for upkeep of his house in Israel while serving as Israel's ambassador to the U.S. The alleged payment was in addition to his regular salary.

Baruch reportedly received a \$15,000 commission for arranging the sale of the Rasco housing corporation three and a half years ago. He was then general manager of the company, which the Jewish Agency sold to a group of private investors identified with the Herut Party.

The committee demanded investigation of how the payments were allowed, and publication of the conclusions of the investigation.

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charges for which they were arrested before," Shehavi said.

He also said a prisoner exchange between the PFLP-GC and Israel "should not be linked in any way to any other operation of PoWs exchange between Israel and any other party."

The Front had not acknowledged holding Shai until Monday, after he was visited by the Red Cross for the first time.

Although the Front mentioned a number for the Palestinian prisoners whose release it seeks, Israel's chief negotiator Shmuel Tamir said Sunday in Tel Aviv that he hoped the remaining Israeli PoWs could be swapped "very soon" for 120 Palestinian held in Israel.

Former Austrian chancellor Bruno Kreisky says that there is a good chance for a prisoner exchange between Israel and the Front. In a telephone interview published in this week's *Kotzer Rashit*, Kreisky said that the prisoner exchange with Syria was helpful to the negotiations with Jibril. It would be "soon," he said, but did not know whether it would take place before the elections.



An Orthodox demonstrator was detained last night by the police after a protest against the opening of a youth club in a National Religious Party building in Hazanovitch St., on the upper edge of Me'a She'arim in downtown Jerusalem. While NRP Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer spoke at the opening, the protesters, who said the club would be a cause of licentiousness, recited Psalms outside. The police — organized well in advance by Interior Minister Yosef Burg — then asked the demonstrators to disperse; when they refused, the police moved in, made an arrest and broke up the protest. The suspect was later released. (Dan Landau)

Druse-held mountains next target of Jemayel's gov't

BEIRUT (AP). — The Lebanese government yesterday began planning to extend its control over the Druse-held central mountains following its successful takeover of East and West Beirut from rival militias.

President Amin Jemayel met for two hours with Prime Minister Rashid Karamah and Shi'ite Moslem leader Nabih Berri, who holds several portfolios in the national coalition government. Druse leader Walid Jumblatt, whose followers control the Druse Shouf and Aley mountain districts south and east of Beirut, did not attend.

In Beirut, both the seaport and airport resumed normal operations after four days of protests by the families of those kidnapped during the fast rounds of fighting. The protesters, who were demanding the immediate release of all hostages held by the various militias, agreed to stop the blockade of the facilities when Jemayel promised to make the subject a top priority.

Four major crossings between the capital's Christian and Moslem sections were proclaimed open for two-way traffic in the morning.

State and privately owned radio stations said Jemayel, Karamah and Berri evaluated the security plan implemented in Beirut "as a prelude to the next phase that would witness similar security arrangements in the mountains."

The radios also said that after the army is deployed in the central mountains and the Beirut-Damascus highway and the coastal road to South Lebanon are reopened, the government will start discussing long-demanded reforms to give Moslems an equal share of power in the Christian-dominated government.

However, Fadi Frum, commander of the Lebanese Forces, said Christians would resist the reforms politically in the cabinet and in parliament and would resort to arms if Syria tried to impose them by force.

Court bars retraction of confession in terror case

Jerusalem District Court Judge Yisrael Weiner yesterday turned down a request by Yosef Zuria, a convicted member of the alleged Jewish terror underground, to be permitted to retract his confession, which he had given as part of a plea-bargaining deal with the prosecution.

Zuria had confessed to conspiring to blow up the Dome of the Rock and to illegally possessing weapons. His sentencing had been postponed to allow the court to hear character witnesses.

In a surprise move, Zuria's advocate, Moshe Drori, said his client wished to retract his confession for reasons that could not be revealed and stand trial with the other terror defendants. Drori added that the request had nothing to do with the 10-year jail sentence given by Weiner to another convicted terrorist, Gil'ad Peli.

The prosecution did not support or object to the request.

Weiner said that a confession in plea-bargaining could be retracted only if it was shown that it had not been given freely or with full understanding. This had not been shown here, he said.

Among the character witnesses for Zuria was his wife, Anat. She told the court how she had met him while she was an instructor in the geography of Eretz Yisrael at an Israeli Defence Forces base near the Samaria settlement where he spent some years with his parents.

She said he had brought her to the observance of Jewish ritual, but that there was not complete agreement on all matters between the two. "My husband and I don't see eye to eye politically," she said. "For example, I'm against the war in Lebanon."

But Weiner cut her off, telling her not to bring up politics in court during an election campaign. (Itim)

Barda charged in plot to bomb shrines

Shimon Barda was charged yesterday in Jerusalem District Court with conspiring with other members of the so-called Lifta gang to blow up the Dome of the Rock and the al-Aksa mosque.

The charge sheet states Barda, 25, of Holon, conspired with Yehuda Limai, Uzia Alon and Elihu Saror from the beginning of 1983 to blow up the shrines.

To carry out the plot the group equipped itself with stolen Israeli Defence Forces weapons and explosives, including 28 bricks of explosives, 127 grenades, 5 rocket-propelled grenades and an Uzi sub-machine gun, as well as fuses and other explosives. Barda brought the weaponry to the group's shared dwelling in the deserted village of Mei Neftoah (Lifta) at the entrance to Jerusalem.

On a rainy night in January of this year, the group drove to the Old City in a rented van with four explosive charges as well as the submachine gun and explosives for use during the getaway.

The group scaled the wall of the city near the Golden Gate and entered the mosque area, but a Wakf (Moslem religious trust) guard saw them and the conspirators fled.

Barda was a fugitive for three months until apprehended by police two weeks ago. Alon and Limai are under court-ordered psychiatric observation, and Saror is still at large and is believed to be overseas.

Barda is also charged with placing an explosive charge in a mosque in Nebi Samwil, north of Jerusalem, along with Limai; and with threatening a man with a pistol to force him to remove fruit peels he had thrown into a well in Lifta. (Itim)

Prof. RUDY WERTH
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Two unions to vote on leaving the Histadrut

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The national convention of the Engineers Union and the Union of University Graduates in the Humanities and Social Sciences are this morning to consider quitting the Histadrut and establishing themselves as independent unions.

Efforts were continuing in the Histadrut last night to persuade the striking unions against quitting the labour federation. Engineers Union secretary Yitzhak Raz met twice yesterday with Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar and Trade Union Department chairman Haim Haberfeld, but the dispute remained unsettled.

Graduates union secretary Ya'acov Unikowski said last night that he is "on standby" in case there is a further initiative from the Histadrut. But he stressed that he and his colleagues are preparing themselves for today's convention.

Unikowski said that there had been "movement" on the part of the Histadrut concerning new wage scales, but that there could not be any definite result before tomorrow. Finance Ministry Director-General Nissim Baruch has called a meeting for tomorrow with Haberfeld and representatives of the two unions to discuss the unions' demand for new wage scales. The unions have been striking for 10 days.

The unions and the Histadrut have fallen out over the unions' demand for a wage scale based on educational achievement and not linked to the scales of less-skilled workers. The

Histadrut, which signed a work agreement on behalf of all public sector unions two weeks ago, opposes the demand.

Meanwhile, private-sector wage talks between the Histadrut and the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations, representing the employers, are to continue this afternoon. The talks were suspended on Monday night after the unions rejected an employers' proposal for a 5 per cent wage hike.

The Histadrut has demanded a wage hike similar to that granted to public-sector workers two weeks ago, beginning with a 10 per cent increase with this month's salary. The employers maintain that wage erosion is minimal and does not justify a large increase.

Kessar warned yesterday that the Histadrut might take industrial action if an agreement is not signed by the end of the month. The Histadrut will not sign a bad agreement under pressure, he said.

Nevertheless, Kessar expressed the belief that an agreement would be signed before the end of the month and that it would include a wage increase no smaller than that received by the public-sector workers.

Histadrut sources predicted yesterday that the two sides would compromise on a wage hike of 7.5 per cent.

Metallworkers threatened to strike 10 plants simultaneously unless they receive the same rise as the public-sector workers.

IDF takes hard line on returning reservists

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Israel Defence Forces have adopted a hard line toward reserve soldiers returning from stays abroad who do not report to their units.

Two reserve soldiers who recently returned from abroad and did not report to their units were tried and sentenced to 14 days in the stockade, the IDF weekly magazine *Bamahaneh* reported in today's issue.

Reserve soldiers returning from abroad are required to report their return to their units within 14 days. The rule applies in particular to reservists who have been abroad over a year and have not been assigned to a new unit.

More field hospitals for southern Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — The Israel Defence Forces are continuing to build field hospitals in South Lebanon, the IDF chief medical officer, Tat-Aluf Moshe Revah, said yesterday.

He was speaking at a ceremony at which the Operation Peace for Galilee ribbon was presented to the Rebecca Sieff Government Hospital in Safad.

Revah said the U.S. had supplied mobile operating theatres, which are now in use in Lebanon's eastern sector. There are also a new operating theatre and intensive-care unit in the western sector.

Last week a seriously wounded soldier was treated for five hours in one of these field installations before being flown to Haifa's Rambam Hospital, he said.

Training workshops dedicated at army base

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A centre housing workshop for pre-conscription teenagers who will serve in the Ordinance Corps was dedicated at the Israel Defence Forces' Natan Camp near here yesterday morning in the presence of Deputy Labour and Social Affairs Minister Ben-Zion Rubin, OC Southern Command Aluf Moshe Bar Kochba, other officers and fundraisers.

"The boys work four days a week and attend the workshops for two," explained Eli Navon, the southern district director of the ministry's department of vocational training. "When they go into the IDF, they continue with the Ordinance Corps units they'd worked with before."

Egged bus is stoned by Beduin youths

FARUSH RUMANH (Itim). — An Egged bus on its way from Haifa to Tiberias was stoned by a gang of youths from this Lower Galilee Beduin village yesterday.

A police officer who happened to be nearby succeeded, with the help of the bus driver and one of the passengers, in apprehending two of the youths, both aged 15. More arrests are expected.

TALKS. — The U.S. and the Soviet Union have agreed to open talks in Moscow this summer on the resumption of cultural and scientific exchanges, the State Department said.

New drug saves Israeli boy from need for liver transplant

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The use of an experimental drug saved 11-year-old Mickey Scope of Rishon LeZion from having to undergo a dangerous liver transplant this week.

Mickey, suffering from a cancerous growth in the liver, was on the operating table and ready to have the transplant when doctors at St. Mary's Hospital in London decided to try a new drug to shrink the tumour. The drug worked in minutes: the tumour, according to doctors, "shrivelled up and they were able to remove it without damaging the healthy tissue."

This was the first time the drug was used in clinical practice and the doctors were quoted in *The Evening Standard* as being unable to believe their eyes. Mickey will now undergo conventional radiation and chemotherapy to make sure the cancer does not spread elsewhere in the body. Doctors say his chance of complete cure is very high.

Gov't to cover universities' deficit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The country's universities and other institutions of higher learning have been notified of the cabinet's decision Sunday calling on the finance and education ministers to work out a way of covering the growing deficits reported by these institutions.

Tehiya Karch, budget director of the Education Ministry's Council for Higher Education, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that by last September 30, the last time official figures were available, the deficit of the country's six universities had reached ISL 7 billion, or \$24.3 million at the time. In the meantime, the universities report that the deficit has grown by at least 20 per cent.

University spokesmen were relieved by the government's declared willingness to cover the deficit and the fact that it appointed a committee to find the means to do so. There was, however, considerable scepticism as to whether the deficits will indeed be covered or whether it is all pre-election propaganda.

The main cause for concern was that there is no way to implement the decision before this month's elections.

Arad Hebrew songfest scheduled again

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ARAD. — The Hebrew songfest held here last year was successful enough for the municipal council to make it an annual event, in cooperation with several national cultural organizations. The two-day festival is scheduled for the 15th day of the Jewish month of Av (August 13-14), which was a festival in Biblical times.

All performers, both amateurs and well-known musicians, will appear without pay, and all events will be free. Wine will also be served free.

There will be 15 performance areas throughout town, with shows from 11 a.m. on August 15 to midnight on August 14. Shalom Hanoch is scheduled to give a midnight performance, following a day of rock bands around the municipal swimming pool. There will also be folk dancing.

Nahum Heiman, the noted composer whose *Hafim* show is now playing in Tel Aviv, is the musical director.

Suspect in murder of woman, 74, remanded again

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A soldier convicted of attempted murder of his ex-girl friend and her lover and of wounding the lover and a passer-by was sentenced by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday to three and a half years in prison and two and a half years suspended sentence.

The prosecution charged that at the beginning of July last year Aryeh Dattiel used a military vehicle to block a Ramat Gan street, stopping

another car in which his ex-girl friend and her lover were travelling. Dattiel then got out of his car and used the stock of his Israel Defence Forces-issue Galil rifle to break the windows of the other car.

When the lover managed to drive the car into a side street, Dattiel ran after the car and fired at it several times. The lover was injured in the nape of his neck and a passer-by was hit in the thigh. The girl was not hurt.

Rishon LeZion mayor: Politics block bus line

RISHON LEZION. — Mayor Meir Nitzan (Alignment) yesterday charged that political interests are blocking plans for a new bus line here.

According to Nitzan, the Egged bus cooperative has put pressure on

transport Minister Haim Corfu to put off until after the elections the decision to permit the Dan bus cooperative to operate here.

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Public paying back \$ debts before election

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Figures released yesterday by bank officials showed that during the week ending July 4 the outstanding credits to the public in foreign currency decreased by \$360 million.

That unusually high figure means that public believes that a devaluation and imminent after the election dollar debting to pay back its abroad, before July 23. The public has also refrained from taking new loans in dollars.

The fears of a devaluation together with the government's and opposition's guarantees that they will not harm the conditions offered by Patam accounts have caused a large increase in these deposits. During the week ending July 4 there was a \$66m. increase in the public's deposits in such accounts.

There are also signs that exporters are holding the foreign currency they get abroad. From June 27 to July 4 there was a \$40m. increase in the foreign-currency accounts of exporters.

Bereaved parents press for inquiry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two bereaved parents have declared that they will continue to press for an official inquiry into the Lebanon war, despite the rejection of their plea by Prime Minister Shamir.

In a letter to Shamir yesterday they express the hope that a government will be elected which will carry out such an inquiry.

The parents, Efrat and Ehud Spiegel of Ramat Gan, reject Shamir's statement that "they can take consolation in the fact that their son, Yoav, died with other wonderful boys in the defence of the country."

They write that their feeling is that he died in vain, "a megalomaniacal and adventurist war."

7% of IDF soldiers found to be vegetarians

Jerusalem Post Staff

Seven per cent of conscript and Regular Army soldiers are vegetarians, according to a recent survey on eating habits held in the Israel Defence Forces, the army magazine *Bamahaneh* reports in today's issue.

As a result of the survey, a *Bamahaneh* press communiqué said, the Maintenance Corps is developing new meat substitutes based on grains, soy beans and other vegetable products. Self-service will also be gradually introduced in some units' dining halls.

The communiqué did not deal with the possibility that some soldiers might eat vegetarian food only while in the service, for kashrut reasons.

A survey of soldiers' body measurements will be held soon to help design more comfortable uniforms.

Paper hit for calling Shamir 'fascist'

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — An extreme left-wing publication has been criticized by the Press Council for a headline describing Yitzhak Shamir as "Israel's First Fascist Prime Minister."

The council, in a judgement issued yesterday, upheld a complaint from a Jewish reader, Jack Gurnel, against *News Line*, the daily paper of

the Workers' Revolutionary Party. Gurnel complained that the headline was not substantiated in the interview that followed.

The interview was with Lenni Brenner, an American, who has written a book entitled "Zionism in the Age of the Dictators." He is described by the Press Council as "a prominent anti-Zionist campaigner."

Greek court jails armed Lebanese

ATHENS (Reuters). — An Athens court has sentenced an armed Lebanese found loitering near the home of the Israeli ambassador to Greece four months ago to 20 months in prison.

Ali Abdel Rahim, 35, a native of Tripoli, was found guilty of illegal possession of firearms.

During his trial he said he had no intention of shooting Ambassador Yehzekel Barnea, as the police suspected when they arrested him last March.

The Greek police said he was carrying a gun and a forged Moroccan passport. Rahim said the gun was for his own protection.

REHABILITATION. — A new rehabilitation centre for seriously wounded Israel Defence Forces veterans was dedicated in Jaffa yesterday. The centre will also counsel families of the veterans.

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times sounded like the leader of the opposition. He explained that while an opposition runs on its plans, a government must run on its record.

But Peres was so busy attacking the government that he barely managed to enunciate his party's plans. He got off some good lines — "we learned from our mistakes; you learned to make mistakes" and made the telling point that Likud spokesmen have telescoped the entire range of the country's development into the past seven years, but at no time did he bluntnly state Alignment policy.

In particular, Peres missed the opportunity to give a lucid exposition of his party's economic policy to a nationwide audience waiting to hear just that.

Answering reporter's questions after the debate, Peres gave little credence to Shamir's promise to try to form a national unity government. "He could have formed a unity government before, but did not do so," Peres said.

Shamir himself reinforced the impression that his promise was just an election gimmick by refusing to answer reporter's questions, saying that he would answer only after the elections. One of the questions he evaded was whether the idea had

been raised in party forums.

Shamir walked the minefield of his party's record with dogged finesse. But he was distinctly uncomfortable when it came to economics and overdid things when he said that the next Likud government will attempt to bring one million new olim to Israel. Shamir also took advantage of the non-competitive nature of the debate to make some very dubious statements, such as that inflation is due to world developments.

But many of the prime minister's points were well made. He scored points with his description of government initiatives in closing the social gap and personal credo was clearly and directly put.

Asked to judge the debate once it was over, Shamir and Peres refused, both saying that they were not in the habit of giving themselves compliments. Peres said that he thought the debate would help viewers realize the nature of the debate and the "seriousness of the situation."

The journalists watching the filming on closed-circuit television were less hesitant to express their opinions, but their judgement was decidedly mixed. The consensus was that whoever won the debate, he didn't win by much. No one thought the debate would have much influence on the election campaign.

Male nurse suspected of raping patient

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A male nurse at Shmuel Harofeh Hospital, Be'er Ya'acov, is suspected of raping a woman patient, or alternatively performing an indecent act on her.

Officials at the hospital called Ramle police yesterday after the morning shift of nurses, on arriving at the hospital, found the patient with her belongings packed, declaring that she was going home. She said that during the night a "doctor" had raped her. She identified the "doctor" as a male practical nurse

45.6% of kibbutz marriages intercommunal

Jerusalem Post Staff

Marriages between Ashkenazi and Sephardi partners make up 45.6 per cent of all marriages on kibbutzim, compared with 21 per cent such marriages in Israeli society as a whole.

This is one of the findings of a study carried out by the United Kibbutz Movement and the Tabernacle centre on Sephardim in kibbutzim, published yesterday.

The study also found that 55 per

cent of Sephardi kibbutz members are "completely satisfied" with their integration into kibbutz life, while 37 per cent are "rather satisfied." Most respondents to a questionnaire said there was no discrimination between Ashkenazi and Sephardi members in assigning tasks in and outside the kibbutz.

However, most respondents also said that not enough attention was paid to fostering the Sephardi cultural heritage.

The Health Ministry's deputy director-general Moshe Horowitz said he is having the matter investigated and, independent of the police findings, will decide whether to transfer the matter to the Civil Service Commission to be dealt with as a disciplinary matter.

Druse face charge of illegal departure

Jerusalem Post Reporter

MAJDAL SHAMS. — The police have decided to charge three youths from this Druse town with illegally leaving the country. The youths crossed into Lebanon and were held prisoner by the Phalange for eight months.

The youths were repatriated recently and on returning told of being tortured by their captors.

Two confess to killing Gaza resident, 42

GAZA (Itim). — The son of a local 42-year-old man and the son's brother-in-law have confessed to murdering him in a family dispute.

The police said yesterday the man was shot to death and his body found in a vegetable patch.

The dead man had objected to his 22-year-old son's marriage, the police added.

SHAMIR-PERES

Replying to the third question — What can and should be done in the field of economics? — Peres said that the government must be judged by its actions, not its promises. He proceeded to detail what, in his opinion, the result of the government's economic policies have been: the government, he said, has emptied the state's coffers, and foreign currency reserves are dangerously low. In the past nine months — the period that Shamir has served as prime minister — inflation has jumped from 200 per cent to 400 per cent, Peres said.

"What would have happened in any other democratic country in such a situation?" he asked rhetorically. The government, he said, has spent hundreds of millions of dollars on "villas" in the West Bank — and has "only 15,000 settlers to show for it."

He lambasted the government for importing "lime from Rumania and soda from England." The Alignment, he promised, will reorient the economy towards exports and will eliminate unnecessary spending.

Shamir replied to Peres's attack by saying that the government had made tremendous investments in industrial infrastructure and social

amenities, and had ensured employment. Because of local and external developments, he said, the economy was confronted by three problems: inflation, the balance of payments deficit and reduced growth.

The prime minister said that halting settlement would not halt inflation. Neither would withdrawing the Israel Defence Forces from Lebanon have much of an impact, he said. The Likud, he promised, would make a "social contract" after the elections, based on a price freeze, the guarantee that wages retain their real value, and a realistic currency exchange rate.

On the question of security, the candidates were asked to state under what conditions they believed the IDF can be withdrawn from Lebanon, and how they would deal with the eastern front, the Syrian danger and continued terrorist operations.

Shamir said that the IDF will be withdrawn from Lebanon only when the conditions are right: a secure northern border and certainty that the terrorists will not return to South Lebanon. The government's policy, he said, is to support the development of the South Lebanon Army (SLA) and to come to agreements with the local population. He averred that progress is being achieved and that General Antoine Lahad's SLA is increasing the amount of territory under its control. But he stressed that "we can't set timetables for a withdrawal."

Massive settlement and opposition to a Palestinian state, Shamir said, will guarantee security on the eastern front, and Israel's military strength and preparedness will prevent Syrian provocation. The terrorists have been weakened but are still attempting to hurt Israel, he said, warning that Israel "will hit them any time and any place."

Peres responded that "anybody listening would believe that the country began seven years ago" — whereas, in fact, the IDF is 36 years old. The strengthening of the IDF is the Alignment's primary task, Peres said, pointing to his own role in the development of the defence industries.

The Alignment will ensure that Israel lives within defensible borders, he said. "We pushed Jordan out of the West Bank and we will not

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W. Germany agrees on new anti-aircraft missile

BONN (AP). — The German Federal Republic has agreed to spend 7 billion marks (\$2.5 billion) over the next decade for a new generation of anti-aircraft missiles to strengthen NATO air defenses, the Defence Ministry said yesterday.

The deal, which involves both U.S. and European Roland missiles, is expected to be signed by Defence Minister Manfred Wörner and U.S. Defence Secretary Casper Weinberger tomorrow in Washington, a Bonn spokesman said.

Under the agreement, Bonn will buy and deploy 12 U.S.-built Patriot missiles, which will probably be stationed near West Germany's border with the Warsaw pact.

The American military will deploy

an additional 12 Patriots at U.S. bases in southern Germany, and Bonn will maintain and service them.

Bonn will also deploy 87 Roland missiles being built by the West Germans and the French. Twenty-seven will be stationed in the Eifel and Hunsrück areas of West Germany, where they will protect Amer-

ican air bases.

The other 60 will be deployed around West Germany by American forces in an emergency.

The missiles are equipped with

conventional and high-altitude

airplanes and are intended to replace

the Nike missiles.

'Progressive' parties include conference

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP). — Three-day conference of "progressive" parties from Macedonia and Yugoslavia ended on Monday with participants calling for a de-

claration of military presence and nuclear missiles in the Mediterranean area, said a communiqué issued at the close of the conference.

Israel and Turkey did not send representatives to the conference.

British oil tanker strafed in Persian Gulf

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — An unidentified warplane, believed to be Iranian, slammed two missiles into the 261,011-ton tanker British Renown yesterday 114 kilometres northeast of Bahrain, shipping sources reported.

One of the two missiles bounced off the deck, while the other hit oil-loading equipment and ignited a "small fire," these sources said.

The vessel was on its way to the area of the Bahrain coast where the Swiss-owned tanker Tiburon was towed last week. The Tiburon was hit by Iraqi jetfighters near Iran's Kharg Island on June 27, after loading 250,000 tons of crude oil from Iran.

The British Renown was to take the oil cargo of the crippled Tiburon, these sources said.

But, they added, the British-registered vessel changed its course and headed to Dubai after the attack.

Shipping sources in Kuwait said the fire aboard the British Renown was quickly extinguished by the crew.

The sources said the tanker was attacked in the international waters, somewhere between the Saudi Arabian and Iranian territorial waters.

The Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency, quoted unidentified diplomatic sources as saying the plane that fired the rockets was Iranian.

British Petroleum, which owns the tanker, said no one among the crew of 24 Britons and two Maltese was hurt.

All UK ports are shut down

LONDON (Reuters). — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yesterday accused the opposition Labour Party of supporting industrial anarchy as dockers paralysed ports in a strike linked to the marathon dispute in Britain's coal mines.

Thatcher was answering a Labour charge in Parliament that her economic world was collapsing.

She responded by saying the opposition was "supporting strikes, supporting the miners who are on strike against those who are at work, and supporting those who are hoping to bring about industrial anarchy as a means of getting round democracy."

All of Britain's main ports were at a standstill yesterday as employers and the dockers' union prepared for talks on the cause of the stoppage.

The union called the strike over the use of non-registered labour to move iron ore bound for a steel plant picketed by striking miners.

Afghan ministers in shoot-out

NEW DELHI (AP). — Afghanistan's Defence Minister Abdul Qader shot and wounded Communications Minister Mohammed Watanjar last week following an argument involving party factional disputes, Western diplomats said here yesterday.

The incident, which took place in the Afghan capital of Kabul, highlighted a series of recent disputes between members of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan's two main factions — Khalq and Parcham.

The diplomats, who asked not to be identified by name or nationality, said the two ministers drew guns and opened fire during an argument.

Watanjar was wounded, although his condition was unknown, and Qader was believed unhurt.

Watanjar is a leading member of the Khalq faction, which opposes the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, while Qader belongs to the Parcham faction that actively cooperates with the Soviet Union, the diplomats said.

Afghan President Babrak Karmal is a Parcham member.

Factional infighting began last month and a number of party and government officials were reported to have been assassinated.

Saudi king's wife in U.S. for transplant

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania (AP). — The wife of Saudi Arabian King Fahd, attended by a team of physicians from her home country, is staying at a suburban Pittsburgh hotel while awaiting a kidney transplant, a hotel spokesman said Monday.

Robert Graney, general manager of the Pittsburgh Marriott Hotel in Green Tree, said the princess and her entourage have been occupying two floors of the hotel since their arrival late last Thursday.

Graney said the princess, whom he identified as "King Fahd's principal wife," has been driven daily to Presbyterian University Hospital in Pittsburgh for outpatient care.

Members of the royal party said the princess is the mother of the heir to the Saudi throne and the most important of the king's several wives.

Samurai sword not a deadly weapon

WASHINGTON (AP). — A man accused of waving a Samurai sword at White House guards was acquitted by a jury on Monday of carrying a deadly weapon.

The Superior Court jury acquitted Anthony Holbert, 22, after hearing testimony from Dr. Paul Taylor, a Smithsonian Institution expert on Asian anthropology.

Taylor testified that the sword, which the Maryland man said was a gift for President Reagan, could not be sharpened, defence counsel Lillian McEwen said. Thus, it did not meet the definition of a deadly weapon, she said.

"He didn't actually wave the sword," she said. "The guards asked what he was carrying, and at that point, he held it aloft so they could see. The guards had their guns drawn and... well, what could you say at that point."

WETTEST. — After standing in a shower bath for 23 days in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Steve Gutierrez, 37, is claiming the world record for the length of time he stayed wet.

Sports

Baseball All-Stars picked

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — Dave Stieb of the Toronto Blue Jays will be the starting pitcher for the American League, while Charlie Lea of the Montreal Expos will fill that role for the National League. Managers announced their starting lineups for the 55th Major League All-Star baseball game on Monday.

The game is set for Tuesday evening (San Francisco time) at San Francisco's Candlestick Park and pits top players of the National League against those of the American League.

Lea, appearing in his first All-Star game, was tied with Joaquin Andujar of St. Louis as the winning pitcher in U.S. baseball's major leagues. Lea has a 1374 record.

Stieb, receiving his second con-

secutive starting role, worked three hitless innings and gave up one earned run while striking out four in the American League broke an 11-game losing streak in the 1983 All-Star game. The National League has won 19 of the past 21 All-Star contests.

Baltimore manager Paul Owens of the National League announced a batting order that began with left fielder Tony Gwynn of San Diego, who leads the league with a .355 batting average, followed by second baseman Ryne Sandberg of Chicago; first baseman Steve Garvey of San Diego; centre fielder Dale Murphy of Atlanta; third baseman Mike Schmidt of Philadelphia; right fielder Darryl Strawberry of New York; catcher Gary Carter of Montreal; and shortstop Ozzie Smith of St. Louis.

Baltimore manager Joe Altobelli's starting line-up for the American League was second baseman Lou Whitaker of Detroit; first baseman Rod Carew of California, selected for the 18th time; shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. of Baltimore; left fielder Dave Winfield of New York, whose .370 average leads the American League; right fielder Reggie Jackson of California; third baseman George Brett of Kansas City; catcher Lance Parrish of Detroit; and centre-fielder Het Lemon of Detroit.

The Detroit Tigers led all teams with six all-stars — Morris, Whitaker, Parrish, Lemon, reliever Willie Hernandez, and shortstop Alan Trammell, until Trammell dropped out because of an injured arm sustained on Sunday. The New York Mets and Montreal Expos each contributed four to the National League team. Two rookies besides Gooden were selected in the National League: first baseman Alvin Davis of Seattle and second baseman Juan Samuel of Philadelphia. Trammell has been replaced by Alfredo Griffin of the Toronto Blue Jays.

A main focus of attention — one night even call it four — during the pre-game luncheon was the pre-game luncheon, which was held at the hotel.

The last time the All-Star game was played here in 1967, National League pitcher Steve Carlton was blown off the mound by a gust of wind. The wind also contributed to a record seven errors by the National League, which won 5-4 in 11 innings.

"It's the worst on pop-ups," Willie McCovey, a former San Francisco giant first baseman and temporary National League captain, said.

National League player Sandberg, who has fought the effects of Candlestick Park, said an "infielder's fly" choice was in "the hands of the ball" keep your eye on it and keep after it."

Perkins succeeds

By JACK LEON

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's young tennis star Shahar Perkis, achieved the best doubles result of his career to date on the pro-circuit over the weekend, when he and Yugoslav Igor Fleg finished as runners-up at the \$25,000 ATP "challenger series" tournament in Travemunde, West Germany. In the final, they were beaten 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 by the Swedish pair, Peter Swenson and Johan Carlsson.

Perkis, 21, and Fleg defeated Vadim Burenkov and Konstantin Popenov of the Soviet Union 6-3, 6-4 in the semi-finals. The lucky Perkis became friendly with Russian No. 1 Boris Yelagin during the tournament, he told me yesterday on his return home. "We discussed the chances of a Davis Cup final between Israel and Russia in September, if in next week's semi-finals we beat Switzerland and then they defeat Austria in their home state," Burenkov and Fleg were in a five-strong national squad who were at the meet with their coach as part of the team's warm-up for the match against Austria.

In the singles, Perkis lost in the third round of the tournament to German No. 5 Carl Meier, going down 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5) in a desperately close struggle. After his success at Wimbledon and Travemunde, Perkis has climbed to around 128 in the ATP world singles rankings and 240 in the doubles.

In a hurry

LONDON (AP). — Dallas Moir was just a minute from the season's first century on Monday as he declared at 432 for eight. It took him 11 minutes to reach 444 for eight declared at Chesterfield.

The Scottish fast bowler faced England fast bowler Bob Willis for three stumps. Racing to three figures off 75 balls in 95 minutes, Moir also ended the career of Norman Gifford. By contrast, Alan Hill laboured 378 minutes to reach 125.

High price of safety

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — Olympic Games organisers and Los Angeles city officials patched up a multi-million dollar war yesterday over the price of security at the athletes' villages and Games venues.

Only 19 days before the start of the Games, Harvey Ussner, General Manager of the Los Angeles Olympic Organising Committee (LAOOC), handed over a cheque for \$5.1m to the city. This was in addition to more than \$4m that the LAOOC had already paid.



The new Miss Universe, Swedish nurse Yvonne Ryding, 21, gasps as she receives the crown from last year's title-holder, Lorraine Downes, at the climax of the beauty contest in Miami Beach on Monday night. Along with the title, Ryder collects \$175,000 in cash and prizes. (UPI/telephone)

Australia to export uranium but bans sale to France

CANBERRA (AP). — Scuffles broke out and Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke was hissed and booed yesterday as the Australian Labour Party voted to permit the mining and export of its vast uranium deposits, estimated to total more than one third of the non-Communist world's reserves.

Hundreds of chanting demonstrators jeered the delegates at the party's national conference after the delegates voted 55-44 to approve uranium mining. The vote was a triumph for Hawke's dominant right wing and the moderates of the party, and a bitter defeat for the left wing.

Foreign Minister Bill Hayden was pushed and spat upon and other delegates were jostled as they left the conference room.

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West gains film director, two cellists, one dancer

MILAN (AP). — Andrei Tarkovsky, Soviet film director, said yesterday that he has decided to live in the West and seek political asylum because Soviet authorities "spat on my soul" through a series of offences and abuses.

The 51-year-old director, whose films include *Andrei Rublev*, *Solaris* and *Nostalgie*, told a news conference here that he is giving up Soviet citizenship and will live as an exile in the West "to continue my artistic activity."

"Political asylum will be an unavoidable step. However at the moment I am sorrowful for having lost a beloved thing, my country. And you cannot ask me now which country I am going to choose."

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In Japan, a second cellist from the German Democratic Republic's Staatskapelle Berlin Orchestra defected and flew to the German Federal Republic, Japanese Foreign Ministry officials said.

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French team reaches peak of Mt. Ararat

ANKARA, Turkey (AP). — A group of French climbers have reached the 5,185 metre-high peak of Mount Ararat, the legendary resting place of Noah's Ark, a Turkish organizer of the climb said yesterday.

Following a Turkish government decision in 1982 to lift a long-standing ban on climbs up the mountain by foreigners, several groups from the U.S. and Europe have

tackled the peak.

Mt. Ararat is 30 kilometres from the Soviet frontier and the area was closed to foreigners in 1972 after Soviet complaints that expedition groups included agents wanting to view Soviet border installations.

Former U.S. astronaut James Irwin is expected to start his third climb in search of the legendary ark next month.

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A 'SPECIAL' HONOUR

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL / Jerusalem Post Reporter

AN HONORARY doctorate from a Middle Eastern university might not seem very much to a Cambridge professor and Nobel prizewinner, but for Professor Aaron Klug, the degree he was awarded last week at the Hebrew University was "something special."

Klug works in a field that might have been called bio-chemistry at a time when techniques were simpler. But today bio-chemists spend more time looking through electron microscopes and reading X-ray cry-



Aaron Klug

tallographs and those who deal with the structure of cells are referred to as molecular biologists, or in some cases structural biologists.

And it is the basic structure of things at the molecular level that interests Klug and won him his Nobel Prize in 1962. The prize, for having bridged the gap between electron microscopy and X-ray crystallography was earned after years of work on viruses and their innate form.

Originally from South Africa, Klug did most of his research at Cambridge where he initially went as a student.

The viruses Klug studies are considered to be large by nature, but this

is a matter of scale. Compared to a protein molecule that may engender an enzyme reaction, with a molecular weight of 20 to 50 thousand, Klug's viruses that have a molecular weight of several million are indeed gigantic - but can only be seen with the aid of an electron microscope.

Unlike biochemists who often figured out what was happening but had no knowledge of how it happened, Klug's work is basically devoted to the latter, and it is in this region that he goes into a structured world where "nothing is left to chance, nothing floats about, everything gets in the right place at the right time and waits its turn." The only question left is how it is all designed and what makes it happen.

ONE THING that helps make it happen is the structure itself. In most of the cells and molecular structures that are studied there is a "self-assembling construction." Klug defines this as being somewhat like the geodesic domes of Buckminster Fuller, and he says there is a good reason for this since only certain designs lead themselves to self-assembly.

In the case of tobacco mosaic virus, he found that the virus is built in the form of a cylinder, like steps in a spiral staircase and this too can be self-assembling if there is a proper internal order.

In short, on the molecular level there is order, and when the base is ordered and a proper sub-assembly exists then the proteins can hook on without difficulty, changing their conformation to suit the structure.

Klug expresses great admiration for the scientists at the Hebrew University, and in fact all over Israel. He says how impressed he is by the day-to-day difficulties faced by Israeli workers in science where at the height of an important experiment the scientists might have to drop everything for a month and go to the army, or where technicians and other vital assistants might be called away just when needed most.

Klug never had very strong ties with Israel before, even though his son is living here, but he feels that this trip will give him closer association.

'Coincidences' in Athens

By LISA PALMIERI-BILLIG / Post Rome Correspondent

HOPES FOR bringing to justice those responsible for the attack on a Rome synagogue almost two years ago are quickly vanishing.

An Italian request for the extradition of Abdel Osama al-Zomar, the 34-year-old Palestinian suspected of being one of the terrorists who attacked a group of Roman synagogue worshippers on October 9, 1982, causing serious injury to 37 people and the death of a small boy, Stefano Tache, may now well slip down the drain.

Arrested on November 22, 1982 at Kipi on the Greek-Turkish border for smuggling and transporting 60 kilos of dynamite and time bombs, al-Zomar was imprisoned along with an accomplice, Mohammed al-Fayez, 32, and sentenced to serve 20 months in the Athens prison of Korydallos.

The two were released, it was learned here last week, on June 22, nearly a month before the end of their sentence, despite the fact that an Italian request for their extradition on charges of terrorism, made in January 1983, had been approved by the Piraeus court of Assizes in a four to one vote.

The Greek Supreme Court subsequently overruled the Piraeus decision by "detering" the final reply on extradition "until after al-Zomar would have finished serving the sentence for his transgressions on Greek soil." The definitive verdict is up to the Greek Ministry of Justice.

But this may all be theoretical,

since al-Zomar's whereabouts are currently unknown, even though the Athens prison director and the spokesman for the Ministry of Justice are reported to have said he was still in Greece, while his accomplice had already left. Both men are self-declared "combatants for the Palestinian movement" and claimed they did not know they were carrying arms.

The Italian press terms the long list of "coincidences" which facilitated the suspected terrorist's eventual disappearance as "strange" and "unusual."

Luigi Gennaro and Pasquale Lapadula, the Italian magistrates who were to interrogate al-Zomar in Athens prison on February 10, 1983, were impeded from doing so then because of an "incredible error in transcribing one of the Palestinian's acts" by an Athens court employee. Al-Zomar's Greek defence lawyer, Spyros Fitralis, succeeded in having the interrogation postponed to a later date - on which occasion the results were again voided "because the prisoners simply refused to talk."

The Italian news media also note the unprecedented hedging by Greece over Italy's request for extradition, and commented on the "surprisingly mild sentence" of 20 months given the two in a country where laws are generally harsh and especially so in cases involving terrorism.

(A background report on terror in Greece appeared in yesterday's Jerusalem Post.)

TO CELEBRATE the 40th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of Poland on July 22, General Jaruzelski's beleaguered government has made available scarce building materials to finish restoring the Royal Castle in Warsaw, blown up by the Nazis in December 1944. It will actually be opened to the public two days before the anniversary, to avoid embarrassment to the million or so Communists in Poland, but the timing is nevertheless deliberate.

It may seem odd for a Communist government to restore a monument to the Polish monarchy, but it is only one example of the reluctant realism that now rules in Poland. Critics say that the best to be hoped for from government policy is that things get worse more slowly, but most Poles know that they could get infinitely worse very fast if they lose their patience.

That is why Cardinal Glemp counsels restraint to the hothouse in his own Catholic Church, which commands far more loyalty among the 36 million Poles than the regime. (In a recent survey of young Poles, over 90 per cent stated that they were ready to sacrifice their lives for their faith, while fewer than 5 per cent said they would do so for socialist ideals.)

Despite "the tremendous evil and suffering which our society has been experiencing," Cardinal Glemp tells the faithful, "Poland must be saved. One cannot tear at the scanty dress of the motherland, which covers its nakedness." That is Polish code for the overriding necessity to avoid civil war and a Soviet invasion.

Glemp went even further in his New Year's message six months ago.

Poland: 40 wasted years

By GWYNNE DYER/Special to The Jerusalem Post

Poland, as "a nation between the opposing poles of the superpowers," must be careful not to provide the spark that could ignite a nuclear holocaust, he said.

He was not necessarily exaggerating. Relations between the superpowers are already badly strained, but consider what they would be like if Jaruzelski had not imposed martial law and suppressed the Solidarity movement in December 1981.

If the Polish Communists were to lose control, the Russians would certainly invade at once. The Polish army would split, with much of it fighting the invaders. It is questionable that peace in Europe would survive a few hundred thousand Polish dead, and Soviet tanks fighting their way into a ruined Warsaw. And the Polish crisis is only frozen, not solved.

One drunken evening in Warsaw recently, a group of Poles sat down with British journalist Neal Ascherson to determine the laws of Polish politics. And the first was simply: "If you push the people around too much, they will kill you."

THERE HAS been only sporadic killing in Poland in the past 40 years of Communist rule, but there would have been bloodbaths if discredited Communist governments had not quit to calm the wrath of Polish



Cardinal Glemp (Camera Press)



General Jaruzelski (Camera Press)

workers in 1956, 1970 and 1980 (to be completed, of course, by other Communist governments).

The third law was: "Nobody knows the law was: 'Nobody makes for his country.' Almost all Poles, including Communist ones, are fervent patriots. There is grudging recognition that Jaruzelski's near-coup of 1981, in which the army ruthlessly shoved the civil resistance, was the act of a Polish patriot, saving his own Communist principles to save Poland from invasion.

And the third law, coined by Ascherson himself, was: "If the first kick at your fallen enemy comes from a Polish boot, the second will not." What he meant was that all the players in the Polish game - the Communist Party, the church, the army, the workers and the Solidarity underground - tacitly accept that there are limits to how far the internal struggle over power and principle can be carried before the Russians panic and start killing Poles.

Thus, the underground avoids terrorism or sabotage, and restricts itself to largely symbolic demonstrations of popular resistance to the regime. Similarly, Jaruzelski's regime has only around 400 political prisoners (though many thousands of other Solidarity supporters and "turbulent priests" are incessantly harassed). Lech Walesa has been

freed, and political trials of other Solidarity leaders are continuously postponed.

And so Poland staggers on, suffering enormous economic hardships - rationing, collapsing living standards, soaring inflation - which cannot be overcome so long as the workers' alienation from the government is so extreme. General Tadeusz Hupalowski recently admitted that the average Polish worker, who is supposed to work 42 hours a week, actually puts in only 34 hours, of which perhaps 27 are productive.

Behind the statistics, the struggle between the Communist regime and the mass of the workers continues, with both sides well aware that the loser in the court of public opinion will be the side that unleashes large-scale violence, which might provoke Soviet intervention and extinguish that remains of Polish independence. Polish patriotism is the standard, which behaviour is judged, so everybody is careful not to push his opponents too far.

In this context it makes sense for a Communist government to seek reflected glory from the restoration of a great national monument of pre-Communist Poland like the Royal Palace.

General Jaruzelski badly needs every bit of credit he can claim: last March he compared the situation in the country to that which prevailed just after World War II. Even his enemies could offer no more damning indictment of 40 years of Communist rule in Poland.

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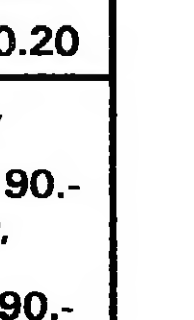
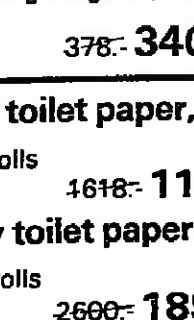
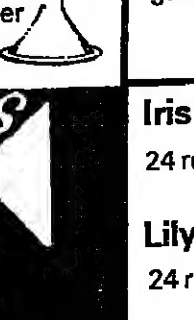
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The annual product of Israelis is only \$12,350 compared to \$38,900 in U.S.

Meeting the Free Trade Zone challenge

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — "The Free Trade Zone agreement between the U.S. and Israel will create severe problems of competition for Israeli industries. Yet, if we take the proper steps in time, we can meet the challenge," says Moshe Nahum, head of the Foreign Trade and International Relations department of the Manufacturers Association.

The first step he lists is convincing the government to give priorities to massive investments in all phases of industry, so that plants can replace their equipment with the best and most modern in the world. The second step is creating attractive investment conditions here for foreign investors.

Thirdly, all industrialists should be persuaded to work back all profits into a fund. Finally, a drive should be launched to make R & D a main subject of every plant manager's thinking.

"Moreover, we must greatly step up the productivity of each and every worker, whether he is directly or indirectly concerned with the industrial process, while finding ways of lowering the cost of labour," he said.

Figures for 1982 (the latest available) show that the average annual "manufacturing" wage in the U.S. was \$17,194, but only \$8,187 in Israel. This seems to give Israel a definite advantage in exports, but the annual product per industrial worker in the U.S. was \$38,900,

while it was only \$12,350 here. Thus, if the Israeli gets paid only 47 per cent of the American, he produces only 31 per cent as much.

Moreover, salary is a per cent of product per worker is 16 per cent in the U.S., while it is 10 per cent in Israel.

Despite these discrepancies, Nahum believes that the Free Trade Zone will be a good thing. "For after all, we live by exporting, and we simply must find ways to make our products competitive with those of every other country."

Israel has faced up to the problems imposed on it following its agreement with the Common Market. "The customs duties we imposed on incoming goods were gradually phased out. They will end entirely in 1989 (the original deadline of 1987 has been extended by two years) and as far as I know, few local industrialists have any terrible fears that their goods cannot meet 'zero' customs duty on Common Market products in 1989," Nahum said.

He believes that it is imperative that Israel conclude the trade agreement with the U.S. as soon as possible. The Generalized System of Preferences with the U.S. will expire in 1985. Nobody knows whether it will be amended or extended, but "no matter what happens, its conditions will probably get worse. And if this happens, and if it is not replaced by the Free Trade Zone deal, Israeli exporters may find very tough going in the U.S."

present, 95 per cent of all Israeli exports (\$1,200 million in 1983) enter the U.S. either at zero customs duty or at very low duties: only five per cent pay regular duties. Thus, Israel stands to benefit only slightly if the Generalized System is replaced by the Free Trade Zone.

Most of the "zone" advantages will go to the U.S., whose goods will enter Israel duty-free. Moreover, American investments in Israeli plants will allow their goods to reach the Common Market duty-free.

Why then are the Americans holding back? The main point is the "Subsidies Code." The U.S. government demands that all subsidies be abolished, otherwise Israeli subsidized goods will have an advantage in some cases over non-subsidized American goods.

But Israeli subsidies are necessary, according to Nahum, because they only rectify a situation imposed on us by our particular geopolitical position.

For example, due to the security situation, taxes account for 49 per cent of the Gross National Industrial Product in Israel, but only for 34 per cent in the U.S. "Despite these factors, which would make us non-competitive if the subsidies were immediately abolished, we in the Manufacturers Association believe that if the subsidies were phased out over a period of years, as was the case with the Common Market, we could gradually adjust to the new situation."

Zvi Amit, chairman of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce, agrees that American exporters will benefit more from the "zone" agreement than Israelis, at least in the initial stages. At present, a huge amount of goods reach Israel from the Common Market and not from the U.S., due to the customs duties on U.S. goods.

"In many cases the American products, like office equipment, are clearly superior. But we buy European, because duties on American goods make the European imports cheaper. The 'zone' deal would cause a gradual switch to American goods."

What convinces him more than anything else is that "our friends in Europe are not too happy with the 'zone' idea." They see themselves losing a good market in Israel. According to Amit's figures, Israel imported from the Common Market goods valued at \$3.474m. in 1983, but only \$1.650m. from the U.S. A new set of figures may emerge in a few years, with the Americans catching up to the Europeans whose sales to Israel will be falling.

But the Americans will have to take the initiative if this is to happen. "Many U.S. companies consider exports a nuisance, since they constitute such a small part of their total sales. They are not willing to fight for foreign markets. As a matter of fact, they charge higher prices for their exports than they do for local goods."



A benefit in aid of the Israeli Cancer Association (ICA) was held this week in the garden of the Canadian Ambassador Vernon Turner. Among the guests were Zvi Amit, wife of the President (and sister of the ICA chairman Suzy Eban) and the dean of the diplomatic corps, U.S. Ambassador Sam Lewis and his wife Sallie. From left to right: Matilda Recanati, Mr. Turner, Mrs. Eban and Mrs. Turner. (Israel Sun)

Japan had record June trade surplus

TOKYO (Reuters). — Japan enjoyed a record \$4 billion trade surplus with the rest of the world in June — partly because of the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

The finance ministry said yesterday exports worth \$14.75b. were nearly 20 per cent higher than in the same month last year. Imports rose only 3.5 per cent, to \$10.72b.

The June figures took the trade surplus for the first half of 1984 to a total \$11.5b., well above the \$7.5b. of the same period last year.

Japan's surplus for the whole of last year was \$20.45b., and economists are forecasting as much as \$30b. this year.

Exports to the U.S. in the first six months of this year rose more than 45 per cent, to \$27.95b., while sales to the European Community improved 8.6 per cent, to \$9.7b.

Cost-cutting, sell-offs at Mizrahi

By PINHAS LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Mizrahi Bank general manager Aharon Meir said yesterday that he expects cost-cutting and efficiency programmes to be a big factor in helping the bank show a profit for 1984.

Speaking to journalists, Meir noted the efforts being made to reduce the impact of the wage bill — by far the largest item on the expense side — on the bank's operating costs. Five per cent of the work-force has already been dismissed, and another five per cent are expected to follow before the end of this year. Most of these represent temporary workers amongst the bank's 2,300-strong staff.

All employees have agreed to forgo half of their thirteenth month salary, as well as receiving less pay following the closing of branches on Monday afternoons and the virtual elimination of overtime. For family reasons some of the women staff found it desirable to work fewer hours.

Senior management had made even greater "sacrifices," he added, including a ten per cent cut in their gross pay, and having to buy their company cars from the bank — for which purpose they receive special loans.

Other cutbacks are being made in computerization and by reducing the bank's involvement in some of its foreign representative offices, in advertising, donations and seminars.

for staff. In all, Meir estimated that about 15 per cent of the bank's operating costs in 1983 would be eliminated this year — amounting to a \$10 million saving.

At the same time, Mizrahi is looking to raise funds by selling some of its assets, both real and financial. It aims to find as much as \$20-30m. from the sale or rent of some of its property, and has already started moving on this front. Any sales it achieves will bring a one-time capital gains profit, and will also improve the capital structure of the bank by providing fresh funds.

Mizrahi also considers selling part of its holding in Bank Tefahot, the country's largest mortgage bank, in which it holds over 90 per cent. However, this is conditional on finding a buyer willing to pay a realistic price, since the current market price is far below the true value of the company.

Meir reiterated the familiar complaints of the financial sector that it is

discriminated against in various ways by the existing tax system. This is a hangover from the days when the banks were profitable, and provided enormous amounts of income for the Treasury, but in the existing circumstances this is an anachronism, and the hyper-inflation is rapidly eroding the capital of the financial institutions, he said.

Meir gave first details of the half-yearly results of the bank's foreign subsidiaries and branches. Their continuing growth in profits was a further element in the formula that would return the parent company to a profitable path, he said.

UMB Trust Co., the U.S. subsidiary, had a net (after tax allowance) profit of \$1.56m., compared to \$1.35m. in the first half of 1983. The Swiss subsidiary showed profits of SF700,000, up from SF280,000 last year, while the London branch, opened in May 1983, produced £194,000 profit in the first half of 1984.

Teroil grabs North American Oil in 'dawn raid'

By PINHAS LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Teroil Exploration International has published a tender offer to shareholders of North American Oil, which will probably result in Teroil's gaining full control of North American.

In one of the nearest takeover plays ever seen in this country, Teroil's owners Zvi Oren and Boaz Adini, have succeeded in seizing effective control of North American from under the noses of the current board of directors. They are now seeking to obtain the extra shares that will give them a majority stake by buying them directly from the public.

The first stage of this maneuver was the acquisition of a huge block of North American Oil rights in the open market on July 1. These rights were then taken onto the market by existing shareholders who were not interested in exercising them to buy more shares. According to standard procedure in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, such rights are traded in

the market for one day only.

In this case, the rights opened at a price of 32 agorot each, but the huge offers available forced their price down to only 2 agorot. At this level, the outstanding balance was bought up by the Maritime Bank broker.

One week later, Teroil informed the exchange that it had bought over 100 million IS\$ shares in North American Oil, as a result of exercising the rights it purchased, and that it held 1.75 million IS\$ shares and 31.4 million series 2 options as well. This gave it 40.7 per cent of the voting rights and 58.45 per cent of the outstanding capital in North American, for a price of \$700,000.

This was followed by the publishing of a public tender offer in which Teroil asked North American shareholders to sell their shares to it. The company will buy, between July 10 and 17, up to 10 million IS\$ shares and 2 million IS\$ shares, at prices of 182 and 67 (per cent of par value), respectively. These prices are about 20 per cent

below the closing prices of North American from last Thursday, before trading was stopped for news of the takeover. When the shares reopened yesterday, they fell by 10 per cent, the maximum allowable one-day drop, before Maritime, by now officially acting for Teroil, stepped in and bought up the offers.

This form of seizure of a company, known as a "dawn raid" in the U.K. whereby the existing owners wake up one morning and find that the company is no longer theirs, is almost unheard of in Israel. North American Oil was open to this threat because the directors only held about 7 per cent of the equity prior to the rights issue, with the rest spread among the general public.

The company was a tempting target for a number of reasons.

1) It was sitting on about \$700,000 in cash. This figure is now much greater, after the company raised over \$1 million from the rights issue.

2) Even a "shell" company — one with no assets, but registered on the

stock exchange — is reckoned to be worth the better part of \$1m. today. This is the amount a potential buyer would pay just to have a ready-made stock exchange vehicle at his disposal, since registering a company from scratch requires underwriting and other expenses, as well as a track record of profitability.

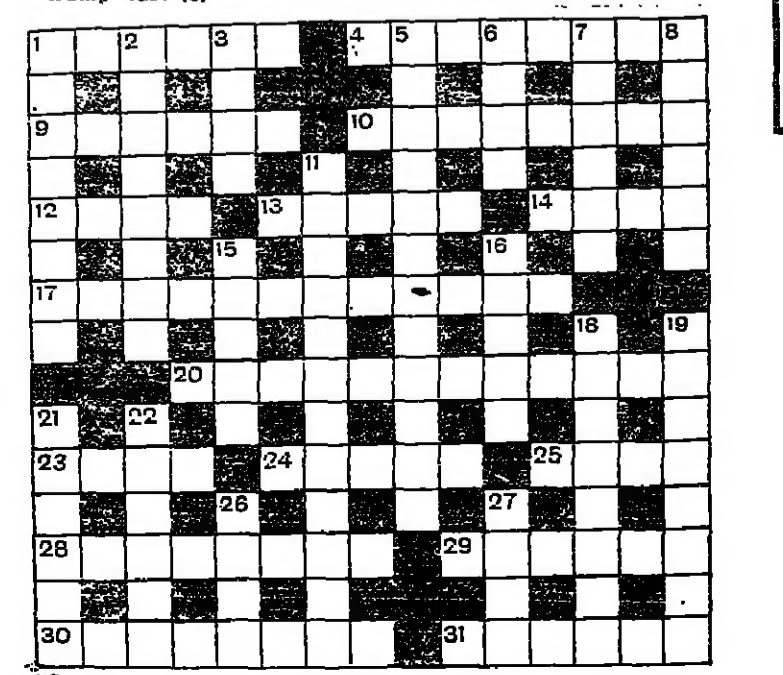
3) For Teroil, itself an oil company, North American fits in very nicely, and the takeover is being represented as an indirect investment in oil exploration. North America has a lease to drill on what is thought to be a promising site near Kibbutz Or Haneir, south of the Heletz oil field.

Oren and Adini only completed the achievement of control in Teroil itself in May of this year, when they bought out the stake of the Canadian oil company Phoenix, whose 5 per cent holding, on top of their own 49 per cent (built up over the past three years, since Teroil became a public company), brought them to a majority position.



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 - Dorset castle destroyed by force (5)
 - Come upon a bit of fluff in dusting (4)
 - Australians who take their duties seriously as sextons? (5-7)
 - In confidence, what's the position of the outgoing head? (3, 4, 3)
 - Light railway with first-rate leadership (4)
 - Invents a new word for hard currency (5)
 - A note deciphered before? (4)
 - He brings instruction to a crude assembly (8)
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 - Gives up and returns (6)
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- CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:**
- 17.30 Smurfs
18.00 Book Look — children's book review
18.30 News roundup
18.32 In the Land of Dots
18.45 Inventions and Innovations
19.00 Agriculture Today
19.10 Political Broadcasts
19.20 News
- HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup**
- 20.02 Out in the Cold — nature film
20.30 Incense in the Temple — talk by Rabbi Meir Kahane
21.00 Mahat Newsreel
21.10 Political Broadcasts
21.10 Aces High, Jack Gold's 1976 film stars Malcolm McDowell, John Gielgud and Christopher Plummer
21.15 News
21.45 News
- JORDAN TV (unofficial):**
- 18.30 Canons 19.00 French Hour 19.30 (TV 3) That's Incredible Life 14.00 News in French 20.30 News in Hebrew 21.00 News in Arabic 21.30 News in English 21.35 News Update
- MIDDLE EAST TV (From T.A. north):**
- 13.00 Tonight 13.30 Another Life 14.00 700 Club 14.30 Shape-up 15.00 Afternoon Movie 16.30 Incredible Hulk 17.00 Popeye 17.30 Super Book 18.00 Laramie 19.00 Bonanza 20.00 Another Life 20.30 World News Tonight 21.00 Entertainment Special WKRP Cincinnati 21.30 Father Murphy 22.30 High Chaparral 23.00 Club 23.30 News Update
- ON THE AIR**
- Voice of Music**
- 6.00 Musical Clock
7.00 Ravel: Tombeau de Couperin (New York, Brooklyn); Chopin: Waltz
7.30 Bach: Suite No. 2; Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5 (Rudolf Serkin, New York, Bernstein); Copland: Clarinet Concerto
9.20 Mozart: Serenade, K.259, Haflinger (Moscow Chamber, Bernabai); Schubert: String Quartet in G major, Op.161 (Guarneri); Stravinsky: Rite of Spring (Cleveland, Bonlez)
12.00 Recital — Judith Nelson, soprano
12.15 Music for the Blind
13.00 Musical Trip to Afghanistan
15.30 Youth Programme
16.30 Radio Stuttgart — Summer Academy, with Gieseking, Kantorow (Heinrich Richter) and Martha Schuler, organ; Brahms: Preludes and Fugues, Chopin: Preludes for Organ; 3 Liturgical Songs, Op.37; Psalm, Ave Maria; works by Palestrina, Caldara and Lully
18.00 Contemporary Music — Sergio Narita: Pages from the Composer's Diary (Israel)
- ARMY**
- 6.00 Morning Sounds
7.00 The Hours of the Day
7.07-7.07 — with Ales Anski
8.05 Morning Newsreel
9.05 Right Now
11.05 Israeli Summer — with Eli Yisrael
12.05 The Hours of the Day
15.05 What's Wrong? — with Erez Tal
16.05 Four in the Afternoon
17.05 Evening Newsreel
18.05 IDF Magazine
19.05 Music for the Blind — music magazine
20.05 Foreign Language Film Parade
21.05 Foreign TV Newsreel
22.05 University on the Air (repeat)
23.05 Popular songs
23.05 World of Music
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat

CINEMAS

- JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9**
- Eden: Super Girl; Eden: Casah; Eden: Blame It On Rio; Eden: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom 6.45, 9; Breakdown 10.30 a.m.; Mitchell: La Traviata 7, 9; Orgel: Cinderella 4, 6, 8; Rocky III, 10.30 a.m.; Orgel: Zigzag Story 7, 9; Sound of Music 10.30 a.m., 3.30; Orgel: Police Academy: Men in Black 4, 7, 9.15; Summer 2; Derrida, 3; Yaguard, 4; Ha'anan: Tender Mercies 7, 9; Cinema: One The Wizard of Oz 4; The Good Earth 5.30; The Wizard of Oz 4; The Good Earth 5.30; Heaven Can Wait 9.30; Cinema: Mrs. A Question of Silence 7; Heidegger and Mrs. Miller 9.30; Israel Museum: Bed-knots and Brooches 11 a.m.
- TEL AVIV 5, 7, 9, 9.40**
- Alhambra: Casah 4, 8; Ben Yehuda: Footloose; Beth Hachayim: Jewish Film week; 7.50; Heaven Can Wait 9.30; Cinema: Mrs. A Question of Silence 7; Heidegger and Mrs. Miller 9.30; Israel Museum: Bed-knots and Brooches 11 a.m.
- 3 films daily, Cinema 1: Police Academy 5.30, 7.35, 9.40; Aristocats 11, 1.45, 3.45; Cinema 2: Return of Martin Guerre 9.45; Billy 11, 1.45, 3.45; Aristocats 5.40, 7.30; Cinema 3: Terms of Endearment 7.15, 9.45; Cinderella 11, 1.45, 3.45, 5.40; Cinema 4: Star 80 at 11, 1.45, 3.45, 5.40; Cinema 5: Crisis Creek 7.20, 9.40; Robinson Crusoe 7.15, 9.40; Cinema: One, BMX Bandits 5, 7.40, 9.40; Cinema Two: Yentl 4.30, 9.40; Cinema: Watch Out We Are Mad 7.30; Delicat: Kiss Me Goodbye 7.30, 9.40; Delicat: Nightmares 10; Smurfs are Coming 11.15; Sex Film 12; Bait: Super Girl 5, 7.30, 9.30; Gen: Big Chill; Cinema: Operation Secret 5, 7.45, 9.45; Bet: Breakdown 5, 7.30, 9.30; Le Renard; Burning
- HAIFA 4.30, 7.30, 9.30**
- Amphitheatre: BMX Bandits; Armon: Casah; Armon: Super Girl; Cinema: Zelig; Moriah: Educating Rita 6.45, 9; Orgel: The Trouble With Harry 5, 7.40, 9.40; Parlo: Erendira 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.40; Peer: The Man who Loved Women; Shalef: Blame It on Rio 7.30, 9.40; Tom Thumb 5; Shalef: Rabbi Yasson; Tennen: Blood Wedding; Tel Aviv: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom 4.45, 7.15, 9.40; The Great Waltz; Tue-3: Tel Aviv Museum: My Dinner with Andre 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Zafra: BMX Bandits 5, 7.30, 9.30.
- RAMAT GAN**
- Armon: Police Academy 7.30, 9.30; Aristocats 4, 6, 8; Liza: Funny and Alexander 5.15, 8.30; Smurfs are Coming 3.45; Ossi: Casah 5, 7.15, 9.45; Orgel: Breakdown 4.30, 7.30, 9.45; Ramat Gan: Unfaithfully Yours 7.30, 9.40.
- BEER SHEVA**
- David: Casah 5, 7.30, 9.30; Tennen: Educating Rita 7.30, 9.30; Never Cry Wolf 5.
- BOLTON**
- Migdal: Casah 5, 7.30, 9.30 (Tue: Sunday); Sorek: Come With the Wind 4.4.

Money Matters

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Free share volume sinks to new lows

TEL AVIV. — The stock exchange turned quietly mixed yesterday, with little activity in either shares or bonds. The volume in the share market, shriveled dramatically, compared to the billion shekels, traded on Monday, while the bond volume climbed past IS900 million. Prices of index-linked bonds were mixed, with falls predominating. Dollar-linked bonds, on the other hand, showed rises of 2-2½ per cent.

Shares put in a better performance than they had for the last several sessions, with almost as many issues rising as falling, and most sectors ending little changed overall.

The feature of the day was the drop in volume. Not only did the selling pressure in the "arrangement" shares dry up, so that that group only traded IS320m., compared to IS820m. on the previous day, but the turnover on the "free" share market sunk to the unprecedented low level of IS151m. This is the equivalent of only \$600,000.

Of course, it is hard to blame the general public for their lack of interest. Nevertheless, it will be of

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

interest to see how the market reacts to the election results, and the post-election coalition-forming period, and whether traders show any preference for which of the two major parties take the central role in the next cabinet.

Announcements:
Seismica Oil Exploration was asked to respond to an article in yesterday's *Davar* headlined "The Israel National Oil Co. will invest in Seismica's drillings at the Dead Sea." The company confirmed that it is holding advanced negotiations with the national oil company, which is also representing M.G.N., Naphta and Lapidot, regarding these four companies' joining the exploration project in the Dead Sea rift in return for an investment of \$10m., which would give them a 20 per cent stake.

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices	General Share Index	Non-bank Index	Arrangement Index	Bank Index	Industrial Index	Bond Index
	245.73 (+0.01)	190.64 (+0.32)	283.83 (+0.77)	197.73 (+0.88)		
Turnovers	Shares	IS478.5m.	Bonds	IS921.1m.	IS1,949.9m.	
	Decisions	147				
	Advances	179				
	of which 5% +	34				
	of which 5% -	43				
	"Buyers only"	9				
	"Sellers only"	3				
Bond market trends	4% fully-linked	Falls to 2%				
	3% fully-linked	Stable				
	80% linked	Mixed to 1%				
	Double-option	Rises to 2-2½				
	Dollar-linked	Rises to 2%				
Most active shares	Hapoalim	IS101m. +5				
	Leumi	IS171.5m. +90				
	Leumi	IS171.5m. +90				
	IDB	IS171.5m. +90				
Sharpest moves	Kopel op.	173 +38 +27.9%				
	T.G.L. op.	60 +10 +20%				
	Rogovin op.	97 -23 -19.2%				
	Rapac IS1	2256 +310 +15.9%				

The crucial export life-line

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel will become an export-oriented country in the next four years, Finance Minister Yigael Cohen-Orgad yesterday told a meeting of the "Million-Plus Group." The association includes only exporters who sell \$1 million worth of goods abroad every year.

"Everything will be centred on exports," he promised, adding that "this means that there will be little or almost no money for improving social conditions, or for instituting free kindergartens for three and four-year-olds in city areas populated by the well-to-do."

Concurrently with the export drive, he said, there would be a "stringent shrinkage" of the local market — which will force industrialists to export. Moreover, there will be a sharp reduction in imports.

Cohen-Orgad said that his ministry had already introduced steps along this line. From December 1983 to June 1984, industrial exports had risen by 14 per cent, imports had fallen by 7 per cent (this excluded oil

imports). And if the January through May, 1984 period was compared to the same months last year, there had been a 25 per cent drop in the adverse balance of commercial trade.

"All of the 70 new industrial plants approved during the past few months have had to prove that they are export-oriented," he added.

If the Likud is returned to power, he promised, that it would try to achieve a "social contract" (a new term for a package deal) with the Histadrut, which has refused so far to do "political reasons." And if the Histadrut continued to refuse after the elections to sign such a "social contract," the Likud (if returned to power) would be forced to take the "proper steps" alone to bring the economy back on an even keel. He did not elaborate what "steps" the government would take.

He also noted that "reports that I have overstepped the national budget by \$500 million since April are pure nonsense." But he did admit that spending had run about \$120m. above the funds earmarked for this period.

Seismica also confirmed that it is examining the possibility of raising capital in the U.S., but not by way of a share issue. The amount involved would be \$20-\$30m. However, the company denied that the execution of the exploration project in the Dead Sea rift is tied to its success in raising capital in the U.S.

Elbit Computers announced that in the April-June quarter of this year, the first quarter of the company's current year, its sales rose to \$36m., from \$25.5m. in the same period last year. The backlog of orders on June 30 stood at \$270m., compared to \$220m. on April 1, 1984.

The company also announced that it had cancelled its request to the S.E.C. to make a new issue of 1.3 million shares, since the current low market price does not justify raising capital. The company has access to sufficient financial resources to carry out its current investment programme.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

July 10, 1984	IS
U.S. dollar	250.05
British Sterling	327.43
German mark	88.471
French franc	28.824
Dutch guilder	78.388
Swiss franc	104.98
Swedish krona	30.239
Norwegian krona	30.770
Danish krone	24.171
Finland mark	41.736
Canadian dollar	188.27
Australian dollar	208.17
South African rand	172.62
Belgian franc (10)	43.198
Austrian schilling (10)	126.11
Italian lire (100)	144.14
Japanese yen (100)	103.56
Irish pound	270.85
Spanish peseta (100)	155.76
Jordanian dinar	660.13
Lebanese lira	42.960
Egyptian pound	210.04

Commercial Banks	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Bank Leumi	220.00	10	-30	-1.4
Bank Hapoalim	102.00	515	n.c.	
Bank Mizrahi	124.00	488	n.c.	
Bank Leumi	131.00	58	-5	-3.8
Bank Hapoalim	225.00	13	-10	-4.4
Bank Mizrahi	208.00	22	-11	-5.3
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Ku Klux Kach

THE ISRAELI public was on Monday night subjected, on its TV sets, to what for many was probably a first direct taste of Rabbi Meir Kahane's particular brand of racism.

The experience was extremely sobering, and raises again, in acute form, the question of what place there is in Israel's democracy, for an organization that quite openly incites to violence against the almost two million Arabs currently living under Israeli jurisdiction.

The question was, of course, raised last month when the Central Elections Committee attempted to bar Kahane's Kach movement, along with the Progressive List for Peace, from participating in the upcoming Knesset election.

The Supreme Court, however, upheld the appeals of both parties against the banning. This, in its own terms, can be considered a salutary action, given the impression that political considerations were uppermost in the minds of most of the members of the Elections Committee which is, fundamentally, a political body.

The court action also performed another service. It has made clear that the main issue is not whether Kahane's anti-democratic list should be permitted to run for the Knesset, but whether it should be banned as an organization.

Their participation in the elections, or even winning a Knesset seat, would not provide Kach with any influence on Israeli policy. It would give Kahane the status of Flatto-Sharon when he was an MK, and the same purely personal benefit of the shield provided by the Knesset immunity provisions.

The real danger of a party like Kach lies outside the Knesset—in its open incitement to violence against Arabs and Jews whom it decides to brand as enemies of the people.

The serious question is whether such a party is consistent with the simple preservation of law and order—something that is, or should be, immeasurably simpler to judge than the more intricate question of whether it is a danger to democracy. It is also more important, given, on the one hand the extremely volatile relations between Arab and Jew in this country, which Kach appears determined to exacerbate, and, on the other hand, the unquestionable robustness of Israeli democracy.

It is quite easy to imagine Kahane and his cohorts precipitating clashes between Jew and Arab. It is more difficult to imagine him bringing down Israeli democracy and replacing it with his kind of racist dictatorship.

The pressing question, then, is not whether Kach should be barred from a democratic process where its potential to do harm is limited, but whether it should be allowed to continue as a legally tolerated movement, where, by incitement to violence, its potential for damage is very great indeed.

And that is a question which should be exercising the attorney general, whose brief it is to preserve law and order.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS UNDER Soviet pressure, reports a philatelist friend, Poland has withdrawn from the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, thereby creating a collector's item of a six-stamp series commemorating the games.

Our friend added that the 16-zloty stamp depicts a hero of the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, Janusz Kusocinski, who won a gold medal for Poland in the 10,000-metre run. Kusocinski, active in the Polish underground during the Nazi occupation, was arrested and executed in the Palmir forest near Warsaw.

The 6-zloty, "fencing" stamp brought to mind the Polish swordsman, Jerzy Pawlowski, third-time world champion, Sportsman of the Year in Poland, winner of Poland's most distinguished fencing trophy: the Golden Sword. He is now serving time in prison for spying for France.

The 15-zloty stamp with cyclists then reminded our friend of one of the leading Polish cyclists, Napierala, who was recognized by one of his victims as an informer and Gestapo aide during the last days of Warsaw ghetto.

Napierala was the lead cyclist in an international "Race for Peace" some years back. During the race the leading cyclists were stopped by a train slowing down on a crossing. Among the passengers who observed the cyclists was a Jewish woman who had come to Poland for a short visit and who was now leaving the country. The woman was one of

the few who miraculously survived after being found in a bunker by the Nazis in the ruins of the Warsaw ghetto and sent to concentration camps.

In those few seconds on the crossroads she recognized Napierala. She contacted the Polish authorities and made a formal statement. That was the end of Napierala on the Polish national team.

J.R.

PS SOURCES in the AFL-CIO trade union federation in the U.S. inform us that the anti-Israel editorial that we referred to here some weeks ago as having appeared in the International Association of Machinists Bulletin in fact appeared in another publication, simply called "The Bulletin," which comes out of Detroit and which the AFL-CIO says has no connection to its International Association of Machinists. The editorial was apparently sparked by the strike by El Al groundworkers in New York.

PS THE CHAPLAIN of Harvard University may have shocked quite a few people in the audience at the recent commencement exercises when he began his invocation with the words, "Oh God, our Mother and Father."

Among his listeners was a bemused Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, who received an honorary doctorate of laws that day.

M.M.

DIKKO KIDNAP

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ence at Kfar Hamacabiah, after his television debate with Shimon Peres. Shamir said: "This is a criminal matter and Israel has no connection with it."

The advocates, who were approached by the Shapiro and Aboutul families, said before leaving yesterday that they intend to help the suspects "both legally and emotionally," but they are not permitted to represent them in a British court. They also said they would offer their assistance to the defence lawyers.

A police spokeswoman said yesterday that neither the British Police, nor any other body, had asked them for information about the two suspects. She said the police were not involved, as the kidnapping took place on foreign soil.

Foreign Ministry sources said yesterday that so far the suspects have not asked for any consular help from the Israeli embassy in London, and possibly are in no need of such

help. The sources said they had no further information about the suspects and the affair, apart from what has been published in the news media.

The Shapiro and Aboutul families did not answer their telephones yesterday. The Aboutul family has reportedly left home, until the affair cools down.

Doctor Arye Lev Shapiro holds a senior position in Hasharon Hospital in Petah Tikva. He came to Israel from the Soviet Union 10 years ago and was shortly named the head of the hospital's intensive-care unit.

It is rumoured that Shapiro told friends in Israel that he had taken a private job accompanying a patient on a flight.

Aboutul who may have changed his name to Avital, is married and the father of three. He is often out of the country on business trips. Last week he left for Paris, telling friends he was going on vacation.

THE LIKUD declares with pride—and a certain panache—that the borders of Israel are going to be the borders of Eretz Yisrael (that is, Mandatory Palestine), no matter what the foreigners think.

The opposition's compromise plan, they add, hasn't got a chance. Surrendering territories will not win over the Arabs, so why bother?

Labour is not, they point out, prepared to withdraw all the way. That would be suicidal. Yitzhak Rabin has used his minimal requirements to keep the Jordan Rift Valley, keep Gush Etzion, keep Eilat, Jerusalem. Nor would he countenance any Arab troops west of the Jordan River. The rest he is willing to give up.

No Arab negotiator, the Likud points out, will agree to those terms; therefore it is a waste of time suggesting them. Withdrawal from any part of Judea and Samaria weakens Israel's defence position. What is the use of diminishing the nation's security if, after making that sacrifice, we find that peace is just as inaccessible as before?

The first answer, of course, is that if no peace is achieved there is no sacrifice. Labour does not propose to yield up any part of the administered areas unless the other side makes it contribution, too. Proposed is a package deal: peace in return for an Israeli withdrawal. No peace, no withdrawal.

Still, the Likud is right—in the short term. A Labour victory on July 23, however decisive, will not induce King Hussein to accept the Allon Plan. But that is not the end of the matter. The Likud sees events in the wrong perspective. It ignores the long term; in other words, it fails to grasp the problem in its entirety.

The Likud argument goes like this: If compromise cannot bring peace, let us not compromise. Better that we hold on to all the territories in dispute, placing them under Israeli sovereignty.

A hawkish policy of that sort may

THE PATH TO PEACE

By DAVID KRIVINE

not do much damage in the short term, that is true. But it closes the door to any possibility, however remote, of an understanding in the longer future. The Arabs may indeed find it difficult to sign a treaty which gives them only 70 or 80 per cent of the occupied territories. But they cannot possibly be expected to sign a treaty which gives them nothing.

The Likud's answer is: you don't know the Arabs. They hate us and will never make peace, whatever we give them. Even if they sign a treaty, it will be but a scrap of paper. When they think they have an opportunity to wipe us out, they will seize it, never mind what commitments they have put their name to.

The conclusion is: hold on to everything. That may indeed, the Likud admits, perpetuate the war situation, but only in theory. In practice, the war situation is perpetual anyway. Rely on force, it is the only method. We are stronger than they are.

The policy of no-compromise reflects a fortress mentality, requiring unfortunately greater assets for permanent survival than we possess. Being stronger than the Arabs is not enough, we have to be enormously stronger, and forever. Otherwise wars will continue, and they will be costly.

We may go on winning them, but gradually they will sap our strength. The manpower resources of our enemies are virtually unlimited. Our

fortress will become fortress Masada.

IS THERE an alternative? Is Arab hostility absolute and irrevocable? Let us look at a precedent some distance away in time. The French used to hate the Germans, as much as the Arabs hate the Israelis today.

When I was a boy in France (between the two world wars), an uncle presented me with a set of novels by Jules Verne—to wean me, as he told my parents, from the paperback literature that flooded French bookshelves, depicting *les Boches* as depraved monsters.

The Germans capped the situation during 1940 by invading France for the third time in 70 years. The French ground their teeth with rage as Nazi troops marched up the Champs Elysees. Hitler extorted a humiliating surrender in a railway carriage at Compiègne.

Yet, within less than 10 years, President de Gaulle and Chancellor Adenauer were kneeling side by side in Rheims Cathedral. France joined West Germany in a European Community from which Britain—whose only intrusion on French soil had been to help beat off the German invader—was excluded.

I mention this historic shift of position to illustrate the following point: If two nations have a reason to make war, they will hate each other. If they no longer have a reason to make war, the hatred evaporates. The Arabs are no different in this

respect from anybody else. Israel's destiny is not to be a permanent bastion of isolation in an eternally hostile Middle East. Any government in this country which accepts such a predicament, bases its policy on a permanent stalemate is helping to create that stalemate. The only policy which makes sense is one that foresees the termination of hostilities and works to achieve it.

The change in the European balance of forces in 1945 was that war between Germany and France became obsolete. There was no point in it any more; neither side could conquer the other. France was now possessed again of Alsace-Lorraine, which the Germans had captured for the first time in 1870.

No Frenchman lived any longer under German rule; no German lived under French rule. A new generation rose in both countries which did not know—and didn't want to know—what the old rows had been about.

ISRAEL'S JOB is twofold: to offer a generous settlement to the Arabs, inducing them to negotiate; and to be strong, discouraging a resumption of hostilities.

Being generous alone, as Lovia Eliav advocates (with a return to the 1967 borders) will not do the trick. If Israel becomes vulnerable, the Arab lust to attack her will not abate. Being strong alone, as Rafael Eitan urges, will not work either. The Arabs will simply bide their time, waiting for an opportunity to get their own back.

A combination of the two factors—strength and a willingness to make concessions—has a chance of succeeding. Peace will not come tomorrow, but the prospect will be there, in the mind of Jews and Arabs alike. Israel should use the time to increase its population through immigration, develop its industry, step up its exports, eliminate its foreign-trade deficit. This is the best way of becoming strong.

At the same time, Israel should keep open its offer of surrendering all the Arab-populated areas in the West Bank and Gaza—indeed, all areas not essential for defence. Regarding the critical city of Jerusalem, Israel should be ready to make, in Abba Eban's phrase, "every concession that lawyers can devise" (Arab administration of the holy places, self-ruling boroughs in the city), in order to persuade the other side that Israel is not grabbing all it can lay its hands on.

These two factors together—the muscled arm and the outstretched hand—ought to make a combination that invites peace-making once tempers have cooled off. There is an advantage to the Arabs in receiving on a platter territories that they cannot conquer in war, or at best can only recover at a terrible cost in blood and treasure.

The attraction of the offer will surely outlive the present war psychosis. A new generation will arise saddled with problems of their own, less involved with past quarrels, better able to see objective profit-and-loss considerations.

The Arabs have gained in our lifetime a continent; they cannot forever be concerned in the tussle over a few kilometres more or less in one small corner of the region. If the formula honourable to both sides can be hammered out for Jerusalem, they should relish the prospect of marching into Nablus, Tulkarm, Hebron and Jericho with flags flying, trumpets blaring and crowds ecstatically cheering.

It will never happen, says the Likud. But it did happen once in 1979, when Anwar Sadat made peace with Israel. That took everybody by surprise, yet it does not have to be a unique event. Why should not Jordan do the same in 10, 20 years from now?

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TESHUVA WAVE

By JACOB CHINITZ

phenomenon at all. Strictly speaking, *teshuvah* is the process which brings the convinced and pious Jew, after a lapse of sin and recalcitrance, back to the original conviction and piety.

Most of the current *ba'alei teshuvah* were never really within the religious camp. They were usually the children of irreligious parents, or at least with no history of observance in their early life.

It is not really more appropriate to call such people converts, or born-again Jews, rather than returnees? We are totally aware of the halachic distinction between the born non-Jew who requires official conversion, and the born Jew who simply studies and observes the *mitzvot*, without actually being converted.

Thirdly, it is not only secular Jews who are either annoyed or puzzled by the *ba'alei teshuvah*, but even mild-

ly observant Jews, who did not stray far and who did not reach total religious rigour. They, too, find themselves in an ambivalent relationship to them.

The situation is similar to the ambivalence towards converts found in the Talmud. On the one hand, "The Holy One, Blessed be He, did not send Israel into exile but for the purpose of adding converts to them." On the other hand, "converts are as difficult for Israel as a disease."

The commentaries come up with some ingenious rationalizations in order to reconcile these two contradictory attitudes.

WITH REGARD to *ba'alei teshuvah*, the most prominent statement is: "Where the repentant ones stand, even the perfectly saintly cannot stand." Taken plainly, this is a great

compliment to those who return to the path of righteousness.

It seems the sinners, in overcoming their sin, perform greater moral heroics than those who do not sin at all. Legally speaking, since there is a commandment to perform *teshuvah*, only the sinner is capable of fulfilling it. But there is also a quasi-cynical interpretation which says that *ba'alei teshuvah* are sometimes so insufferable that perfect saints cannot abide them.

Why should this be so? There are several reasons: the resentment of the newcomers by the old-timers; the superior strictness of the newcomers over the laxity of the old-timers; the intolerance born of enthusiasm that infects the returnees.

Just as the sabbra resents the privileges given to the new immigrant, so may the Jew who has observed for a lifetime look with a slightly jaundiced eye upon the young, who, after enjoying years of free, non-observant life, now jump to the vanguard of piety and reap the benefits, such as they are, of reputations for propriety.

The fact that the sabbra was born here, lived here, fought here—and is still here—all that is taken for granted. But the immigrant who was born elsewhere, who did not fight, and who has just arrived, is treated as a hero.

So, too, the Jew who has observed for a lifetime: he is taken for granted; the *ba'alei teshuvah* is a hero.

The non-*ba'alei teshuvah* Jew is the product of several generations of learning, training, custom, tradition. His intensity in study and degree of strictness in following the law may vary, may have their ups and downs, between the generations and even within the same generation.

But the *ba'alei teshuvah*, especially since he is often not returning to a previous state but is starting from scratch, is not susceptible to variations in faith, gradations in observance, or organic subtleties. He swallows the Torah whole. It is pure revelation, direct will of God, 613 Commandments, the entire library

of Torah literature and the *Shulchan Aruch* from the opening of the eyes in the morning, or at birth, to the closing of the eyes in sleep at night, or at death at the end of life.

ONE COULD expect that the saint who never sinned would lack understanding for sinners, and that sinners who repented would be tolerant of sinners who have not yet repented. But it often works the other way.

The same characteristics that make for sainthood produce tolerance towards those who fall short of it. But the *ba'alei teshuvah*, especially if his entire former life was devoid of religion, is so infused with the new power and the blinding light that no room is left for tolerance—not for those who have not yet seen the light, and not for those who have always possessed it. Salvation is a hard thing to be patient about.

In recent months there have been television presentations of confrontations between *ba'alei teshuvah* and secularists, between families of *ba'alei teshuvah* who felt that they lost their children, and other families who felt rejuvenated by their *ba'alei teshuvah* children. I do not recall similar confrontations between old-time religious and old-time secularists. It is as if the ideological culture struggle has been appropriated by the *ba'alei teshuvah* and the rest of society.

In section 8, Chapter 7 of *Hilchoi Teshuvah*, Maimonides states: "It is the manner of *ba'alei teshuvah* to be exceedingly humble and modest. If fools deride them concerning their former deeds, and say to them: yesterday you said this and yesterday you did such, they should not react but listen with joy in the knowledge that, this is their privilege."

"For as long as they are ashamed of their previous deeds, their merit increases. It is a total sin to say to a *ba'alei teshuvah*: remember your former deeds, in order to embarrass him. The Torah has warned: do not oppress each other!"

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READERS' LETTERS

A MOTHER SPEAKS UP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir—My name is Hala Rapp and I am the mother of Geva, one of the newly pious students interviewed in your article of June 22, "Teaching tolerance."

First, I want to confirm that my relations and those of the whole family with Geva and his young family are really excellent and have always been close. Nevertheless, there are certain points which it would be worthwhile to clarify, since I am personally involved in this difficult situation, which has long ceased to be a private matter.

Our relations with Geva have always been excellent ever since childhood, so that it cannot be said that his return to religion brought about a closer relationship. We were always proud of him and, in my opinion, he was always a person with values, who loved his country with all his heart and contributed to its general welfare in many ways, so that in this aspect too, I don't think that he has changed. Maybe the contrary is even true—he now confines himself to one clear and limited field of endeavour

and has abandoned many others.

The students at the Meir Institute are individually really marvellous, but in my opinion, they and their friends are partly responsible for the religious polarization which is resulting in a growing conflict between secular and religious Jews and between Zionism as we know it and extreme nationalism. I am not accusing any particular person, but in general, that's how things are.

Likewise, I cannot possibly accept the attitude which condones such a major investment in the study of the Torah and its propagation on the assumption that more than enough attention has been devoted to other fields of endeavour in our country and that these students do not have a duty to work like every one of us does.

I am trying to understand the new road Geva has chosen because I love him and I know that he is a decent man, but I have not yet reconciled myself to it.

HALA RAPP

Petah Tikva.

PATHETIC GIMMICKS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir—In the face of our country's dire financial straits, when vital public services are cut back to points of closure, it is inconceivable that the political parties, especially the two main opposing forces, irresponsibly dissipate astronomical sums of money, extorted from the public coffers, to bid for the favours of advertising, public relations agencies and various entertainers.

Neither panoramic views of the Temple Mount or Masada, filmed at great cost, nor exposed mountains of garbage and dilapidated townships, are relevant to the crucial issues at stake. These gimmicks are hardly likely to influence the voter one way or another.

Should the voter be in any doubt

as to who to choose and whom to reject, he would be better served by the personal appearance of the representatives themselves of each list, who would be granted limited viewing time, to present directly—(from the television studio or on the radio)—a convincing outline of their parliamentary plans for the coming years.

Undoubtedly, if candidates were to pay for campaigning from their personal funds, it would never occur to them to indiscriminately squander fortunes on pathetic programmes which benefit neither the political cause they are engaged to support, nor our crumbling economy.

EDA YANAI

Givatayim.

A MAN OF MANY PARTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir—What an extraordinary writer this Wim Van Leer is! One day he writes book reviews, the next he goes on about the Berlin police or the Nazis in Germany, then he switches to the Mississippi or the space shuttle. Moreover, he always writes to the point with humour and

expertise. I have just read his delightful "Tale of two kittens" and am now planning to read his book.

I have only one complaint: he does not write often enough.

D. HERMAN

Haifa.

JEWISH EDUCATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir—I read with interest Susan Bellos' article of June 25 about Dr. Barry Chazan.

I received a fairly typical Jewish education in England, attending Hebrew classes twice weekly from the age of six to 13, plus an additional hour from my father. Our teachers were old, their appearance was totally unattractive and their methods of teaching were dreary. We were taught to translate parrot-fashion, hardly touched on modern Hebrew, and I do not recall learning anything about Zionism. Consequently, I rebelled against Judaism.

Today, although not religious, I am living in Israel and have been imbued with a sense of pride for its people and their achievements. In my opinion, the old methods have to be changed. Young, attractive teachers have to be hired. It is time the "educators" in the Diaspora realized the serious consequences of their poor teaching methods.

HELEN SIMPSON

Ramat Gan.

CANCER PATIENTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir—We were pleased to see D'vora Ben Shaul's important article of June 15, "Bringing cancer out of the closet." As social workers who provide the majority of psycho-social care of oncology patients at Hadassah, we encourage your further candid exploration in this vital area.

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